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NRC LICENSING BOARD TO HOLD ORAL ARGUMENT
MAY 8 IN SAFETY LIGHT PROCEEDING

The presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will hold oral argument May 8 in Bethesda, MD, on a preliminary jurisdictional issue in a Nuclear Regulatory Commission proceeding involving the denial by the NRC staff of renewal applications for licenses held by Safety Light Corporation, and others, for a manufacturing facility in Bloomsburg, PA.

Oral argument will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the NRC Public Hearing Room, Fifth Floor, 4350 East-West Highway.

Safety Light requested a hearing after the NRC staff in February 1992 denied applications for renewed licenses for the Bloomsburg facility, which manufactures self-illuminating signs and other devices, and issued an order requiring the licensees to decontaminate and decommission the site such that it can be released for unrestricted use.

The purpose of oral argument on May 8 is to hear a motion filed by the NRC staff that the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel erred in establishing the Licensing Board for this proceeding. The NRC staff argues that instead of the appointed Board, NRC regulations require the appointment of a single presiding officer for that part of the proceeding involving the denial of the license renewal applications.

Members of the Licensing Board that will hear oral argument are the following Administrative Judges: Thomas S. Moore, Chairman; Frederick J. Shon, and James H. Carpenter.

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