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NRC LICENSING BOARD TO HOLD CONFERENCE AUGUST 27
IN SAFETY LIGHT ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDING

The presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will hold a conference with parties and counsel on August 27 in Bethesda, MD, in an enforcement proceeding involving two NRC staff orders issued to Safety Light Corporation and others to decontaminate a facility in Bloomsburg, PA.

The conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the NRC Public Hearing Room, Fifth Floor, 4350 East-West Highway.

The Licensing Board will review motions by the licensee to vacate the orders or, in the alternative, for summary disposition; a licensee motion to defer all proceedings pending partial remediation and further partial characterization of the Bloomsburg site; and NRC staff responses to the various licensee motions.

The NRC staff orders, issued in March and August of 1989 require Safety Light, USR Industries, Inc., and other parties collectively identified as USR Companies, to prepare plans for site characterization and decontamination of the facility and to contribute funds for implementation of the plans. The contaminants are various radioactive isotopes left over from many years of the manufacturing of self-illuminating signs and other devices on the Bloomsburg site.

Members of the Licensing Board are the following Administrative Judges from the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel: Marshall E. Miller, Chairman; Frederick J. Shon and James H. Carpenter.

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