

EDO Principal Correspondence Control

FROM: Eli A. Port  
RSSI

DUE: 07/20/00

EDO CONTROL: G20000333  
DOC DT: 07/07/00  
FINAL REPLY:

TO: Chairman Meserve

FOR SIGNATURE OF : \*\* PRI \*\*

Chairman

CRC NO: 00-0446

DESC: SEAMAN NUCLEAR CORPORATION - SECY-00-0137

ROUTING: Travers  
Paperiello  
Miraglia  
Norry  
Craig  
Burns/Cyr  
Lohaus, STP

DATE: 07/11/00

ASSIGNED TO: NMSS

CONTACT: Kane

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

SECY will coordinate with Commission regarding release of SECY-00-0137 and whether the Commissioners Technical Staff agree to a meeting.

Template = SECY-017

SECY-01



# RSSI

3772

6312 West Oakton Street  
Morton Grove, IL 60053-2723  
847-965-1999  
Fax 847-965-1991

July 7, 2000

VIA FAX 301-415-1757

Honorable Richard A. Meserve, Chairman  
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Seaman Nuclear Corporation  
SECY-00-0137

Chairman Meserve:

In the fall of 1998, NRC staff reviewed and approved a Seaman Nuclear Corporation (Seaman) portable moisture density gauge for distribution to persons Generally Licensed. The staff notified the Commission of its intent to issue a license authorizing distribution to persons Generally Licensed. The Commission disapproved plans to issue a license until additional information was obtained. This information was to be obtained by consulting with Agreement States and from a Material Risk Study that was being written by the NRC staff.

In January of this year, Seaman submitted comments on the results of the consultations with Agreement States and on the draft of the Material Risk Study, NUREG/CR-6642. A careful review of the States comments and NUREG/CR-6642 showed that there were no substantive health and safety issues to alter the NRC plan to issue a license authorizing distribution of the Seaman moisture density gauge to persons Generally Licensed.

The NRC staff has prepared an Information Paper for the Commission, SECY-00-0137. We believe that this Paper will have a substantial impact upon Seaman's business. Therefore, Seaman is requesting a copy of SECY-00-0137 and that Seaman be given the opportunity to review and comment on it before action that could effect Seaman is taken. Seaman is also requesting an opportunity

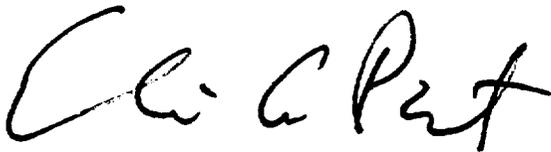
Honorable Richard A. Meserve  
July 7, 2000  
Page 2

**RSSI**

to meet with and discuss the issues surrounding the distribution of portable moisture density gauges with appropriate members of NRC staff and the Commissioner's technical staff.

Please advise Seaman of when it will be given the opportunity to review and comment on SECY-00-0137 and the procedures to be followed in scheduling meetings with staff. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 847-965-1999.

Sincerely,



Eli A. Port, CHP, CIH, P.E.

fc: Scott Seaman, Seaman Nuclear Corporation

\\400001\seaman\meserve1.doc