

September 17, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: Cynthia Carpenter, Chief
Generic Issues, Environmental, Financial, and Rulemaking Branch
Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

FROM: Michael T. Lesar, Chief */RA/ Signed by M T Lesar*
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SUBJECT: A PETITION FOR RULEMAKING (PRM-50-74) FILED BY THE
NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE

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Please determine whether this petition qualifies for special handling by the staff as a fast-track petition for rulemaking as specified in 10 CFR 2.802(e). Also attached is Section 15.15 of the NRC Regulations Handbook (NUREG/BR-0053) that contains information to assist you in this determination. If your office determines that the petition should not be handled as a fast-track petition, please provide your comments and concurrence on the attached draft Federal Register notice and let us know the name of the staff member you designate as task leader for action on the petition by October 2, 2001.

Questions about this petition may be directed to Michael T. Lesar, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration on 415-7163, or Victoria Voytko on 415-6075.

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