

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
NUCLEAR FUEL SERVICES, INC.

Docket No. 70-143-MLA-2

ASLBP No. 03-810-02-MLA

DESIGNATION OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission, see 37 Fed. Reg. 28,710 (Dec. 29, 1972), and the Commission's regulations, see 10 C.F.R. §§ 2.1201, 2.1207, notice is hereby given that (1) a single member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel is designated as Presiding Officer to rule on petitions for leave to intervene and/or requests for hearing; and (2) upon making the requisite findings in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 2.1205(h), the Presiding Officer will conduct an adjudicatory hearing in the following proceeding:

Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc.
Erwin, Tennessee
(Material License Amendment-2)

The hearing will be conducted pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart L, of the Commission's Regulations, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." This proceeding concerns requests for hearing submitted on February 6, 2003, by Friends of the Nolichucky River Valley, Inc., the State of Franklin Group of the Sierra Club, the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance, the Tennessee Environmental Council, and Kathy Helms-Hughes. The requests were filed in response to an NRC staff notice of receipt of a second request from Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS), to amend its special nuclear materials license to support downblending and conversion of high-enriched uranium material to low-enriched uranium oxides. This amendment would allow processing operations

at its Erwin, Tennessee Blended Low-Enriched Uranium Preparation Facility to prepare low-enriched uranium solutions for a a new complex that would manufacture low-enriched nuclear reactor fuel. The notice of receipt of amendment request and opportunity for a hearing were published in the Federal Register on January 7, 2003 (68 Fed. Reg. 796).

The Presiding Officer in this proceeding is Administrative Judge Alan S. Rosenthal. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 C.F.R. §§ 2.722, 2.1209, Administrative Judge Richard F. Cole has been appointed to assist the Presiding Officer in taking evidence and in preparing a suitable record for review.

All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed with Judges Rosenthal and Cole in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 2.1203. Their addresses are:

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Issued at Rockville, Maryland,
this thirteenth day of February 2003.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing DESIGNATION OF PRESIDING OFFICER have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, or through NRC internal distribution.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland,
this 13th day of February 2003