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Re: License Renewal of Safety Light Corporation, Docket Nos. 030-05980 & 030-05982  
ASLBP No. 04-833-07-MLA

Dear Sirs:

I am Diane K. Lyons, Union Steward, PACE Local 2-719, at Safety Light Corporation in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. I am writing on behalf of the 30 employees of Safety Light Corporation to ask that you help save our jobs. 30 jobs may not seem like a lot to you, but they are very important to us, and to Bloomsburg and the surrounding towns. There aren't many jobs to replace them. I am also asking if you would permit me, on behalf of the workers, to file a statement and/or testify March 10 with regard to the observations of the workers about health and safety in the operation of the plant.

My understanding is that the only real reason the NRC is considering not renewing Safety Light's licenses is because they failed to make required payments into a cleanup trust fund. Inspections as recently as November, 2004 found that Safety Light was complying with all other requirements of its licenses and that there was no health and safety risk to the public or employees. We certainly do not know all of your rules, and we understand that not paying into the trust fund was a serious violation. However, if you terminate Safety Light's licenses, not only will we lose our jobs, but the company will go out of business and there will be no one to take care of the site – certainly not as good as we and the company do now. It appears to us that will increase the risk to the public.

Everyone will be much better off and much safer, if you allow Safety Light to continue operations and continue to clean up, monitor and maintain all the waste that was created years ago. We inherited it; we didn't create it, but we take care of it. We currently have a very large contract with Wal-Mart, Home Depot and other large companies to supply exit signs. The company was having a hard time during the recession and after 9/11, but is profitable now and has paid up most of what it owed and says it will pay the rest. I do not know if Safety Light will ever be big enough to pay for all the years and years of contamination by previous companies

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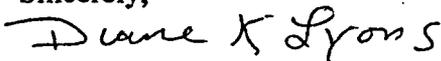
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and operations. I do know, if the company is not there taking care of these problems every day, the risk of release of radioactive contamination will be much greater.

We are always in favor of improving worker health and safety, but we do a good job of managing the tritium used in the current business to make exit signs. The workers do not feel at risk at this plant in day to day operations. I do know, if the plant was shut down and no one took care of all the waste and the site for a long time, we would not want to go back in there to work.

We are told that the NRC, and you as judges, can waive this violation and renew the license if it is in the public interest. We do not know what all you consider as in the public interest, but keeping the company operating, keeping the site safe, and cleaning up some of the old waste is better than shutting down the company and letting the site just sit there with no one looking after it, much less cleaning it up. If we compare what is gained by shutting down Safety Light versus keeping it in operation under the current licenses, it seems obvious that everyone is better off keeping Safety Light running.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane K Lyons".

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