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In the Matter of
PA'INA HAWAII, LLC
(Honolulu, Hawaii Irradiator Facility)
Docket No. 30-36974-ML; ASLBP No. 06-843-01-ML

Dear Administrative Judges:

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.1202(b)(2), the NRC Staff ("Staff") is required to notify the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Board) within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of an order granting a request for a hearing whether it desires to participate as a party and identify the contentions on which it wishes to participate as a party. On January 24, 2005, the Board issued an Order granting standing to intervenors Concerned Citizens of Honolulu ("Concerned Citizens"), admitting one environmental contention and a portion of a second environmental contention. In the Order, the Board indicated that it would rule on the admissibility of the remaining safety and security contentions at a later date.

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.1202(b)(2), the Staff hereby notifies you that it intends to participate as a party in this adjudicatory proceeding with respect to both admitted environmental contentions. If the Board admits additional safety and security contentions, the Staff at that time will notify the Board whether it wishes to participate as a party on those contentions.

Sincerely,

/RA/
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