

August 14, 2007

Ms. Polly Bradley
Safer Waters In Massachusetts
33 Summer Street
Nahant, MA 01908

SUBJECT: NAHANT SWIM, INC. - SAFER WATERS IN MASSACHUSETTS INQUIRY

Dear Ms. Bradley:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is in receipt of your inquiry regarding the status of radioactive wastes in Massachusetts Bay. We offer our apology for the delay in responding to your inquiry. Retrieval of the information has taken a longer period of time because of our reorganization and moving of NRC offices and staff, which took place at the time of your initial request.

In response to your request, our records department performed a search and found a number of boxes that were archived over 25 to 35 years ago that may contain relevant information to your inquiry. The staff have examined the information and found that the only Atomic Energy Commission licensees located in the environs of Massachusetts Bay were the General Electric Steam Turbine Generator manufacturing facility in Lynn, Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Examination of the retrieved files indicates no disposal or releases into Massachusetts Bay. To this end, there were only two retired/terminated licensees that possessed licenses at that time, and these licensees handled their waste materials in the proper manner.

At the current time, NRC has no regulatory authority over radioactive materials in the Massachusetts Bay or in the activities related to the construction of liquid natural gas terminals planned for the Massachusetts Bay.

To assist in your search, there are boxes that have been permanently retired to the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). These boxes can be retrieved from NARA via your direct request. Below you will find the necessary contact information as well as the job/box and retirement date of the information that may satisfy your inquiry.

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Telephone: 866 272-6272 or 1-86-NARA-NARA
Fax: (301) 837-0483 or <http://www.archives.gov/>

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1700/08	06/30/58 (NARA)
1722/49	12/31/58 (NARA)
1700/24	01/31/59 (NARA)
1722/81	01/31/60 (NARA)
1722/68	02/07/62 (NARA)
0317/28	08/31/64 (NARA)
0227/06	01/31/79 (NARA)

Please feel free to contact Teresa Mixon of my staff at (301) 415-8008 if you need additional assistance. Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

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