

Mr. B. DeBolt
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April 3, 1996

50-213

Dear Mr. DeBolt:

I am responding to your postcard of November 14, 1994, in which you requested action with regard to all reactor licensees using Thermo-Lag, and that your postcard be treated as a Petition pursuant to Section 2.206 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 2.206).

In your Petition, you requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) immediately shut down all reactors in which Thermo-Lag is used until the material is removed and replaced. As the basis for your request, you stated that Thermo-Lag fails to meet the NRC's regulations concerning combustibility and that the manufacturer of Thermo-Lag was indicted for defrauding the Government and the utilities.

On January 19, 1995, I acknowledged receiving your Petition and denied your request for immediate shutdown of all reactors in which Thermo-Lag fire barrier material is installed. Since that time Mrs. Marsha Gamberoni of my staff provided you with periodic updates regarding the status of your Petition.

For the reasons stated in the enclosed Director's Decision (DD-96-03), your request is denied. A copy of this Decision will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for the Commission to review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206(c). As provided by this regulation, the Decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 25 days after the date of issuance of the Decision unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of the Decision within that time. The documents cited in the enclosed Decision are available for review at the Commission's Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and at the Local Public Document Room for the named facilities.

I have also enclosed a copy of the notice "Issuance of Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206," which includes the complete text of DD-96-03, that is being filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By
WILLIAM T. RUSSELL
William T. Russell, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos.: See enclosed list
(10 CFR 2.206)

Enclosures: 1. Director's Decision
2. Notice

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