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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
ATLAS CORPORATION  
Docket No. 40-3453-MLA  
ASLBP No. 97-723-02-MLA

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DESIGNATION OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the Federal Register, 37 F.R. 28710 (1972), and Sections 2.105, 2.700, 2.702, 2.714, 2.714a, 2.717 and 2.1207 of the Commission's Regulations, a single member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel is hereby designated to rule on petitions for leave to intervene and/or requests for hearing and, if necessary, to serve as the Presiding Officer to conduct an informal adjudicatory hearing in the following proceeding.

ATLAS CORPORATION

(Request for License Amendment)

The hearing, if granted, will be conducted pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Subpart L of the Commission's Regulations, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." This proceeding concerns a requested license amendment by Atlas Corporation to change the completion date for placement of the final radon barrier on the pile at its Moab, Utah facility. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 C.F.R. § 2.1205(a) and Federal Register Notice, 62 F.R. 3313 (January 22, 1997), John Francis Darke opposes this amendment and requests a hearing.

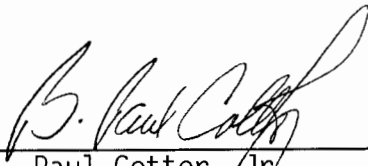
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The Presiding Officer in this proceeding is Administrative Judge G. Paul Bollwerk, III. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 C.F.R. § 2.722, Administrative Judge Charles N. Kelber has been appointed to assist the Presiding Officer in taking evidence and in preparing a suitable record for review.

All correspondence, documents and other materials shall be filed with Judge Bollwerk and Judge Kelber in accordance with C.F.R. § 2.701. Their addresses are:

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Issued at Rockville, Maryland,  
this 11th day of February 1997.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LB DESIGNATION OF PRES'G OFCR have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, except as otherwise noted and in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Sec. 2.712.

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