

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 50-293, ET AL.\*BOSTON EDISON COMPANY, ET AL.\*PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION, ET AL.\*RECEIPT OF PETITION FOR DIRECTOR'S DECISION UNDER 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that by Petition dated March 8, 1989, Ms. Anna Harlowe, on behalf of the Ecology Center of Southern California (Ecology Center), has requested the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) to initiate enforcement action involving all boiling water reactors now operating or under construction. The Ecology Center requested that the NRC fix or close all nuclear power reactors designed by the General Electric Company (GE). As bases for this request, the Ecology Center alleged that (1) in 1972, a member of the NRC staff recommended that GE-designed reactors be banned in the United States; (2) in 1975, GE engineers generated the "Reed Report" that detailed dozens of safety and economic problems with GE-designed reactors and that recommended that GE stop selling those reactors; (3) in 1986, an NRC official admitted that 24 GE reactors with Mark I containments had a 90 percent chance of failure in a nuclear accident; (4) in 1987, an NRC task force confirmed that Mark I containments were virtually certain to fail in an accident; (5) according to NRC safety studies, Mark II reactors have many possible scenarios for early containment failures; and, (6) Mark II designs, on which the Reed Report focused, have dozens of safety and economic problems and have suffered massive cost overruns during construction as a result of design problems.

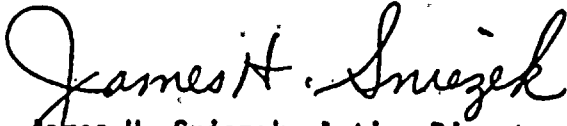
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The request is being treated pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. The NRC will take appropriate action on the Petition within a reasonable time.

A copy of the Petition is available for inspection in the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20555.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

  
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Dated at Rockville, Maryland,  
this 5th day of June 1989.

