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1952 Palisades Dr.

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Dear Mr. Strasma,

Please send me whatever information you can on the problem with cash #4 at Palisades on Aug 2. As I understand it, Richmond Enterprises fabricated 1-3 for Sierra under the NRC exemption before being certified. NRC checked Richmond QA program and there were many nonconformances — including concerns on radiographs. The inspection was done before the certification so it had to only include MSB 1-3.

When was #4 fabricated. A March 31, 1994 letter to Sturgis of NRC from Sierra says Richmond made #4, but March Metalfab were to make 5-10 and 11-14. Why was the

subcontractor for MSB fabrication changed? Who checked to see if Richmond fabricated #4 correctly under a revised QA? When was that inspection done. Please send me what you can on this. March Metalfab made the Palisades transfer cash. I see no report on their QA program for this Transfer Cash fabrication before cash certification. Is there one? If not why not? The Transfer cash is safety related. I understand NRC notified Sierra that March Metalfab did not do the required audit for 5-9 and then Sierra requested it July 8-9. Is that NRC inspection now available?

Please explain who gives the final

"OK" for a specific cask (#4) to be used?
Does NRC just OK the Contractor QA
program or inspect each cask? If they don't
inspect each cask, who is responsible?
Marsh Metalfab and Richmond? Seiva?
Consumers? How does this work? Who
was responsible for letting a flawed cask
be loaded?

Just what exactly was the problem with
the cask. I understand it had to do with
the welds in the MSB. Six consumers
checked the closure welding, that wouldn't
be a fabrication weld so I'm assuming it
was in a seam in the cylinder of the
MSB or in attaching the bottom plate.

Exactly what is the problem?

What was the issue with the other
MSB's and how was it corrected?

I'd appreciate a full explanation
of this as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Tamm Shillinglow