



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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The Honorable Gary Hart, Chairman
Subcommittee on Nuclear Regulation
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed for the information of the Subcommittee are copies of a Notice of Denial of Petition for Rule Making to be published in the Federal Register.

By letter dated September 5, 1978, the Subcommittee was provided with copies of PRM 7-1 filed by Mr. Walter P. Peeples, Jr., President, Non Destructive Testing Management Association to amend the Commission's regulations.

The petitioner requested the Commission to form a review board made up responsible members of the industry to review all pertinent NRC regulations and to clarify positions of the industry prior to issuance of all new regulations. The petitioner stated that the industry's objective is to maintain a liaison with the Commission and to indicate to the Commission what is considered necessary and unnecessary in relationship to regulations.

Based on existing precedent, the Commission's Executive Director for Operations has denied the petition on the grounds that NRC policy and procedures for direct distribution of proposed and effective amendments of NRC regulations to licensees and other interested persons: (1) Fully satisfy the objectives set forth in the petition; and (2) Assure that affected licensees and applicants are aware of all proposed and effective regulations of a substantive nature, without the need to form a review board as requested in the petition.

Enclosed also are copies of a letter notifying Mr. Peeples of the denial of petition for rule making PRM 7-1 and copies of a related public announcement that will be released on this matter in the next few days.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Minogue

Robert B. Minogue, Director
Office of Standards Development

Enclosures:

1. Federal Register Notice
2. Letter to Walter P. Peeples
3. Draft Public Announcement

cc: Sen. Alan Simpson

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