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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judge  
Peter B. Bloch

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In the Matter of  
  
ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL  
CORPORATION  
Rocketdyne Division  
  
(Special Material License  
Number SNM-21)

Docket No. 70-25 - ML

Request to Renew  
To October 1990

ASLBP No. 89-594-01-ML

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER  
(Memo from Staff: Rockwell Quality Assurance Obligations)

This morning I received a memorandum<sup>1</sup> from the Staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Staff) questioning the applicability of Appendix B to SNM-21. Regrettably, the Staff memorandum has not resolved matters in my mind.

Rather it has led to the following two questions:

1. 10 CFR § 70.4(r) appears to classify Rockwell's previous activities under its license as those of a "plutonium processing and fuel fabrication plant" because it was involved in "(iv) recovery of scrap material" (i.e., fuel decladding) and in "research and development activities involving . . ." recovery of scrap material. Why then was it not covered by Appendix B?
2. If, indeed, Rockwell was not covered by Appendix B, then what are the applicable Staff

<sup>1</sup>Colleen P. Woodhead, "Rockwell Board Orders of September 18 and October 4, 1989," November 30, 1989.

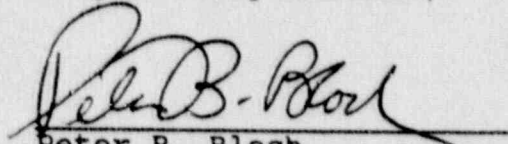
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guidance documents concerning the quality assurance required of it?

With respect to another matter covered in the memorandum, I am grateful to the Staff for pointing out, correctly, that the only activities exempt from NRC regulation at the Santa Susana site are activities conducted for DOE on the DOE-controlled portion of the site.

Staff will please respond to the questions in this memorandum promptly.

Respectfully ORDERED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter B. Bloch", written over a horizontal line.

Peter B. Bloch  
Presiding Officer

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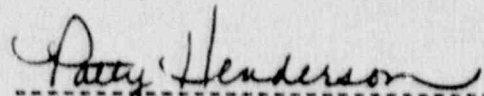
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