



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

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Docket No. 03016055
(10 C.F.R. § 2.206)

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Dear Mr. Schatz:

This letter acknowledges the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's receipt of the Petition dated March 3, 1993, you filed pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.206 on behalf of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District ("District"). The District's Petition requests the NRC to institute a proceeding to modify the license of Advanced Medical Systems, Inc. ("AMS") to require that AMS (1) assume all costs resulting from the off-site release of cobalt-60 that has been deposited at the District's Southerly Treatment Center; and (2) decontaminate the sewer connecting AMS' London Road facility with the public sewer at London Road and continue downstream with such decontamination to the extent sampling by AMS or NRC indicates is necessary.

The District alleges the following bases for its request: 1) cobalt-60 has been discovered in the ash piles resulting from the incineration of sewage sludge at the District's Southerly Wastewater Treatment Center; 2) AMS is the only licensee in the District's service area authorized to process cobalt-60 in a loose metallic form consistent with the form present in the ash; 3) AMS is the only entity (except for the former owner of the London Road facility) that has reported discharging cobalt-60 to the sanitary sewer system leading to the Southerly Treatment Center; 4) NRC documents present ample evidence of cobalt-60 contamination at the London Road facility, including numerous drains inside the building; 5) there are excessive exposure rates in the sewer connecting the building to the public sewer system; 6) this sewer line has been classified as a restricted area, which effectively denies the District access to the manhole use for sampling industrial discharges; and 7) the AMS London Road facility is the source of the cobalt-60 at the Southerly Treatment Center.

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Your Petition has been referred to the staff for action pursuant to 10 CFR § 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. As provided by section 2.206, action will be taken on your request within a reasonable time. I have enclosed for your information a copy of the notice that is being filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Robert M. Bernero

Robert M. Bernero, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure: As stated

cc: Advanced Medical Systems, Inc.

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