UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION (Thomas E. Murley, Director)

In the Matter of

CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING
COMPANY, ET AL.

(Perry Nuclear Power Plant
Unit 1)

Docket No. 50-440
License No. NPF-58
(10 CFR 2.206)

DIRECTOR'S DECISION UNDER 10 CFR 2.206

INTRODUCTION

On September 29, 1992, Mr. Steven C. LaTourette submitted a Petition on behalf of the Lake County Eoard of County Commissioners (the Petitioners), requesting that the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, take certain actions with respect to the proposed construction of an onsite, low-level radioactive waste storage facility at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant (Perry). The Petition specifically requested that (1) a public hearing be held prior to the licensee's construction of such a facility and (2) the construction of the facility be suspended until (a) either the NRC or the licensee produces an environmental impact statement assessing the risks of onsite storage of low-level waste and (b) the NRC promulgates regulations for storing low-level radioactive waste at nuclear power plant sites. By letter dated October 21, 1992, the NRC acknowledged receipt of the Petition and indicated that the staff would take action on the requests within a reasonable time. The NRC further indicated that the portion of the Petition requesting