

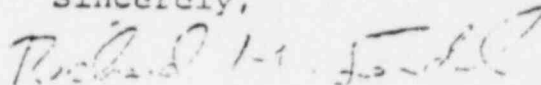
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of the Department of Energy staff reviewed Amendment 2 until September 12, 1977. Page 5-17 of PGE-1013, as revised in August, 1977, discloses that liquid radwastes were stored temporarily in the spent fuel pool during July of 1976, and that, as a result, the spent fuel pool is in fact contaminated with low levels of radiation. Another member of the Department of Energy staff, David Philbrick, had been informed of this storage of liquid radwaste some time ago, but had been told by PGE that the spent fuel pool had been "decontaminated" after the liquid radwastes were processed in the plant.

Because Oregon made the allegations in its motion, Oregon feels compelled to call this situation to the Board's attention. Needless to say, we are embarrassed that this error occurred, and can only state that we were relying upon PGE's representations in its original application. Oregon in no way attempted to intentionally misrepresent the situation.

Oregon does not believe that the Board should necessarily rescind its order of August 8, 1977. The levels of radiation in the spent fuel pool are quite low, and benefits to be gained from changing of the spent fuel storage racks, if at all, prior to refueling still exist, if to a lesser extent.

Sincerely,



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Hearing File

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY,
ET AL.

(Trojan Nuclear Plant)

Docket No. 50-344
(Proposed Amendments to Facility
Operating License NPF-1 to Permit
Storage Pool Modification)

LOCAL PUBLIC

NRC STAFF ANSWER TO INTERVENOR GARRETT'S MOTION
TO COMPEL FULL DISCLOSURE AND TO ESTABLISH
AN INDEPENDENT INFORMATION MONITOR

By Motion dated September 21, 1977, ^{1/} Intervenor Susan Garrett has requested that this Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Board) (1) authorize an "INDEPENDENT INTERVENOR'S INFORMATION MONITOR chosen by a majority of intervenors and subject to security clearance, ... to verify the veracity and completeness of any information relevant to this proceeding generated by PGE" and (2) order immediate disclosure by PGE ... of any currently unreleased information which may be relevant to this proceeding, and to the past, present, or future status of the spent fuel facilities." Ms. Garrett's Motion is based on PGE's recent disclosure in Revision 2 to PGE-1013 that the spent fuel storage pool (SFP), previously believed by all parties and the Board to be empty, dry and uncontaminated, was in fact contaminated by prior temporary storage of liquid radwaste, and on another recent disclosure by PGE that certain activities bearing on the *

^{1/} Although the Certificate of Service appended to Ms. Garrett's Motion is dated September 21, 1977, the copy served upon the Staff is postmarked September 22, 1977. Accordingly, the Staff's response is due this date.

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