UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of

THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

(UCLA Research Reactor

Ocket No. 50-142 (Proposed Renewal of Facility License)

DECLARATION OF DR. JAN BEYEA

I, Jan Beyea, do declare as follows:

1. I received my Doctorate in Nuclear Physics from Columbia University. From 1970 to 1976 I worked as an Assistant Professor of physics at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts; from 1976 to 1980 I worked as a member of the research staff of the Center for Energy and Environmental Studies at Princeton University, since 1980 I have been working as Senior Energy Scientist for the National Audubon Society.

I have prepared papers on consequences of hypothetical accidents at specific nuclear facilities for a number of government bodies: for the President's Council on Environmental Quality (TMI reactor), for the Swedish Energy Commission (Barsebeck reactor), for the state of Lower Saxony in West Germany (Gorleben waste disposal site); and for the N.Y. State Attorney General (Indian Point reactor.)

I participated in the international exercise on consequence modelling (Benchmark Study) coordinated by the Organization for Economic Cooperation Development (O.E.C.D.). (In this study, scientists and engineers from fourteen countries around the world calculated radiation doses following hypothetical "benchmark" releases using their own consequence models.)

I served as a consultant from the environment community to the N.R.C. in connection with their development of "Safety Goals for Nuclear Power Plants."

I have prepared risk studies covering sulfur emissions from coal-burning energy facilities.

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2. At the request of the Committee to Bridge the Gap, I have considered the magnitude of thyroid doses that might be received at various distances following the puff release at the reactor of 600 curies of Iodine 131 (and a proportionate quantity of other radioiodines). As is well known in the radiological health community, radioiodine causes unusually large doses to be delivered to the thyroid gland. This result occurs because the thyroid gland scavenges radio-iodine from the blood, thereby concentrating and storing the radioactivity in one organ.

3. I have examined the calculations of Steven Aftergood concerning projections of thyroid doses using NRC Regulatory Guide 1.145 (Atmospheric Dispersion Models for Potential Accident Consequence Assessments at Nuclear Power Plants). He appears to have correctly followed the prescription given in the guide and properly projected downwind radioactivity concentrations for a puff release of 600 curies under weather conditions corresponding to atmospheric stability class, F, and wind speed of one meter per second.*

In addition, Mr. Aftergood has followed a reasonable procedure for converting downwind concentrations to thyroid exposure by relying on Table 4 of "Analysis of Credible Accidents for Argonaut Reactors."** In this way he has estimated thyroid doses of 107, 37, 11.5 and 5 rem doses at distances of 1, 3, 10, and 23 kilometers, respectively.

However, it should be noted that the Regulatory Guide Method neglects plume depletion, radioactive decay, and changes in stability class. Accounting for these factors could significantly reduce the doses calculated by Aftergood beyond 20 kilometers.

*Should the release occur over a period longer than one hour, calculated doses should be reduced (scaled inversely as the one-third power of the release duration).

**Hawley, Kathren, and Robbin, NUREG/CR-2079.

4. I have not carefully investigated the probability of the weather conditions used in Aftergood's calculations, but I presume such conditions would occur with a probability less than 10 percent. It is also of interest to examine doses for weather conditions that might have a high probability of occurring at the time of an accident: Using, as an example, the average wind speed of 2.5 meters per second and D atmospheric Stability Class, projected thyroid doses would drop off more quickly with distance than calculated in Aftergood's example. However, according to calculations I made some time ago for a general site, even under these conditions a 1.5 rem thyroid dose would be projected at 8 kilometers for the release magnitude under discussion. I presume an 8 km or greater cutoff distance would be characteristic of meteorological conditions that would occur with, say, a 50 percent probability.

5. As Reg. Guide 1.145 does not include calculation methods for dispersion between 1 and 100 meters from the source, Mr. Aftergood utilized other methods for estimating concentrations and doses within 100 meters of the reactor room wall. I have not checked those calculations, but it is obvious that potential doses at this distance will be enormous because all of the radioactivity will be concentrated in the localized plume volume close to the leak point. In any case, since the thyroid gland is essentially completely destroyed by the time the dose reaches 10,000 rem, it is really not very important to know precisely how high the thyroid dose might rise above 10,000 rem. It is doses to other organs that become of major importance this close to the theyroid, it should be noted that such doses could also be quite high.*

^{*}Even though the whole body dose might lie a factor of 200 or so below the estimated thyroid dose, the magnitude of the whole body dose could be of concern within a few hundred meters of the site for some weather conditions.

6. In conclusion: A 600 curie release of Iodine 131 (and the accompanying iodine 133 and 135) would cause doses with regulatory significance out to distances measured in many kilometers and under certain weather conditions out much farther.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Jan Beyea, Ph.D.

Dated at New York City, New York, this 6th day of January, 1983.

Resume for Jan Beyea March 1982

EDUCATION:

Ph D., Columbia University, 1968 (Nuclear Physics) B. A., Amherst College, 1962

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

1980 to date, Senior Energy Scientist, National Audubon Society, 950 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

1976 to 1980, Research Staff, Center for Energy and Environmental Studies, Princeton University.

1970 to 1976, Assistant Professor of Physics, Holy Cross College.

1968 to 1970, Research Associate, Columbia University Physics Department.

CONSULTING WORK:

Consultant on nuclear energy to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; the Offices of the Attorney General in New York State and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; the state of lower Saxony in West Germany; the Swedish Energy Commission; and various citizens' groups in the United States.

PUBLICATIONS CONCERNING ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ENERGY POLICY:

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Contention IX

RESPONSE TO STAFF'S ASSERTED MATERIAL FACTS

1. "A calibration error made in 1975 by UCLA reactor corrected and has not been repeated."

DISPUTED

(Foster, P 3-26; Cooperman, P3-5; Monosson, P21-23;

2. "Written procedures for calibration of instruments at the UGLA facility have been developed and reviewed by the Radiation Use Committee."

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DISPUTED

(Letter, Wegst to Wenslawski, June 24, 1982--doesn't support the stated fact; Inspection Report 82-01; Cooperman, P3-5; Foster, P23; Monosson, P22)

3. "Appropriate actions have been taken by UCLA to correct all items of non-compliance."

DISPUTED

(Note again the citations refer to only a portion of the license period. CBG citations as for fact 4 of Contention III are applicable here as this is a restatement of that Staff fact.)

4. "Calibration errors at the UCLA reactor facility have not been significant to public health and safety."

DISPUTED

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(Monosson, 121; Foster, P 3-26; Cooperman, P3-5; Lyon F4-20)

5. "The calibration of instruments and maintenance of equipment at the UCLA reactor facility has been inspected by NRC for many years."

NOT DISPUTED

6. "No risk to public health and safety has arisen from inadequate equipment maintenance at the UCLA reactor facility."

DISPUTED

(Cooperman F4; Plotkin as to XII, F20,22; Plotkin as to XVI, F5-7,9,11-16)

RESPONSE TO UCLA'S ASSERTED MATERIAL FACT

32. "None of the calibration errors or equipment malfunctions which have occurred at the UCLA reactor facility are of safety significance."

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(citations for Staff facts 4 and 5 above, plus Monosson 14-19; Plotkin as to III, P iv, 3-5,10,11,18,24-29)