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As provided by Section 2.206, the NRC will take action with regard to the specific issues raised in your Petition within a reasonable time.

For your information, I have enclosed 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: Battelle Memorial Institute

ATTN: Mr. Douglas E. Olsen

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Docket No. 70-08 BATTELLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE RECEIPT OF PETITION UNDER 10 C.F.R. 2.206

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Notice is hereby given that, on December 28, 1993, Mr. Tim Wagner, acting on behalf of the Battelle Permit Opposition Committee, submitted a Petition to the Regional Administrator, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Region III regarding the Battelle Memorial Institute's King Avenue Facility in Columbus, Ohio. The Petition has been referred to the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards for preparation of a response pursuant to 10 C.F.R. 2.206.

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As provided by Section 2.206, appropriate action with regard to the specific issues raised in the Petition will be taken within a reasonable time.

A copy of the Petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room at 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555 and at the Local Public Document Room for the Battelle Memorial Institute located at the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 5409 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 17th day of March, 1994.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION Original signed by Robert M. Bornero

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