

'unresolved conflicts.' Thus, until the record is more fully developed with the inclusion of such documents as the staff's environmental evaluation, a meaningful determination of the relevance of Section 102(2)(E) to this proceeding cannot be made.

Consumers Power Company (Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant),  
ALAB-636, 13 NRC 312, 332 (1981).

The Staff's EIA has now been placed in evidence. It contains the factual basis necessary to determine whether the proposed license amendment involves unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources. The Staff concluded that expansion of the Big Rock spent fuel pool "will not result in any significant change in the commitment of water, land and air resources" (EIA at 13). The most significant use of resources will be that of the stainless steel used to fabricate the racks; but the Staff concluded that the amount to be used is "insignificant" and there are no unresolved conflicts with respect to it (EIA at 13-14). These conclusions are supported by the evidence, they are uncontradicted, and they both explain and justify the omission of consideration of alternatives from the EIA.

It was open to Intervenors to test the adequacy of Staff's conclusions at the hearing by putting on a witness of their own and by cross-examining Staff witnesses Emch and Donohew, who sponsored the EIA in evidence. Intervenors made no attempt to avail themselves of either opportunity. Instead of trying to establish an evidentiary foundation for the need to consider alternatives in this case, counsel for Intervenors merely objected to the admission of the EIA in