U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REGION I

NOTICE OF LICENSEE MEETING

030-05260/94-001, 040-08188/94-001 Enforcement Conference Report Nos.

and 070-00314/94-001

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Docket Nos. 030-05260

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Licensee:

Ledoux & Company

359 Alfred Avenue

Teaneck, New Jersey 07666

Enforcement Conference Conducted At: King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

Enforcement Conference Conducted On: March 15, 1994

Inspector:

Eric H. Reber, Health Physicist

Mohamed M. Shanbaky, Chief Research and Development Section

Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards

Conference Summary: An Enforcement Conference was held at the NRC Region I Office in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania on March 15, 1994. The conference was held to discuss the licensee's failure to provide the required financial assurance for decommissioning for its facility. The licensee did not present completed corrective actions.

Enforcement options available to the Commission were reviewed with the licensee.

DETAILS

1. Attendees

Ledoux and Company

Bruce Peterson, Vice President Christopher Bucknall, Vice President

NRC

Susan F. Shankman, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards
Ronald R. Bellamy, Branch Chief, Nuclear Material Safety Branch Daniel J. Holody, Enforcement Officer
John D. Kinneman, Chief, Site Decommissioning Section
Eric H. Reber, Health Physicist
Anthony A. Dimitriadis, Health Physicist
David Everhart, Health Physicist

2. Summary

- a. On March 15, 1994, representatives of Ledoux and Company (Ledoux) met with NRC representatives at the Region I office in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. In opening remarks, Dr. Shankman explained the reasons for the Enforcement Conference. She also stated that an explanation of NRC's financial assurance requirements could be provided. (Mr. Peterson stated that an explanation would not be necessary). Dr. Shankman also informed the Ledoux representatives that information presented by them will have an impact on future enforcement actions.
- b. Mr. Peterson, in his opening remarks, stated that he believes Ledoux has an excellent safety record with respect to NRC licensed materials. He stated that the portion of his business involving licensed materials is a profitable one, and therefore, he does not foresee the voluntary termination of Ledoux's licenses in the near future. He also discussed his unsuccessful attempts to provide financial assurance for his facility (i.e. discussions with his banker, discussions with his insurance agent, and contacts made with other banks). Mr. Peterson stated that in all likelihood, financial assurance will not be provided in the next month. Mr. Peterson said that the formality of the Enforcement Conference has emphasized the importance of complying with the financial assurance requirement. He also said that he would inform the owners of the company about the issues discussed at the enforcement conference.
- c. Mr. Holody explained the enforcement process and informed them that a press release would be issued if an order were issued.

- d. In conclusion, Dr. Shankman informed the licensee that they would be informed by telephone prior to the issuance of an order.
- e. The meeting was adjourned.