

April 21, 1994

The Honorable Kris Sanda  
Commissioner  
Minnesota Department of Public Service  
Suite 200  
121 7th Place East  
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Dear Ms. Sanda:

Chairman Selin asked me to respond to your letter dated April 20, 1994, which posed three groups of questions concerning "expedited review" of license applications for reracking. However, all of these questions are based on the premise that the NRC has such an expedited procedure. The NRC has only one procedure which is to review each application that is submitted to us on its own merits.

Certain factors may influence the amount of time it takes to complete a review. These factors may include the quality and completeness of the application; the difficulty of the analysis, including whether the application contains new technology or technology which has previously been evaluated; and the current availability of and competing demands on staff resources.

Therefore, taking into account that each application is unique in content and in the other factors which influence the time it takes for review and approval, I believe that the letter dated April 15, 1994, from William T. Russell to State Representative Loren G. Jennings (copy attached) provides the best answer available to your questions concerning the amount of time required for review of a reracking application. As noted in that letter, the length of time required to review and approve a rerack application is estimated to be one year based on a survey of five recent rerack reviews (which took between 9 and 16 months).

This is the most complete information that I can provide to respond to your concerns. If you need further information you may contact Marsha Gamberoni at (301) 504-3024.

Sincerely, Original signed by  
Frank J. Miraglia

Frank J. Miraglia, Deputy Director  
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