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MEMORANDUM FOR: Joseph J. Fouchard, Director, Public Affairs
FROM: Karl Abraham, PAO RI
SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF CAMERA POLICY AT HEARINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hearing</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cameras</u>
March 6	ASLB Pilgrim	Middlesex Superior Courthouse, East Cambridge, MA	Allowed
April 12	ALAB Sterling	5th floor Auditorium Public Safety Bldg. Syracuse, NY	Allowed
May 4	Public hearing- Radiation Tech.	Morris Co. Courthouse Morristown, NJ	Not Allowed
May 18	ASLB Salem	Salem Co. Courthouse Salem, NJ	Allowed
June 28 & 29	ACRS Charlestown	Howard Johnson's Warwick, RI	Allowed
June 26	Commission- Seabrook	Hillsborough Co. Courthouse, Manchester, NH	Allowed

In each case where cameras were allowed, and where the Public Affairs Officer was present, there were no significant problems. Minor procedural misunderstandings on the part of individual host building security personnel were readily ironed out, as were problems by the news media bringing the wrong kind of mobile television cameras. I have had no report from any Licensing Board that had cameras cover a hearing of any problems associated with having the cameras in the hearing; nor have I had any reports that where cameras were excluded, the attempt to bring cameras into the hearing disrupted the hearing.



In reviewing this record, I can only come to the conclusion that allowing cameras under the conditions stated in the NRC policy during the trial period has proved workable and has imposed only minor and negligible perturbations on hearing procedures in this region. I recommend that the policy be continued on a permanent basis, recognizing that after the initial novelty of covering a particular hearing had worn off, the interest of the news media in camera coverage itself has declined drastically. I had no inquiries from camera people about the hearings in the last four months.

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