



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Ms. Mary Elizabeth Lampert
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Dear Ms. Lampert:

This letter responds to the Petition, dated March 10, 1995, submitted by you and 62 other persons pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 2.206 (10 CFR 2.206), requesting action with regard to the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, operated by the Boston Edison Company (the licensee). The Petition requests that during the March 25, 1995, refueling outage and In-Vessel Visual Inspection conducted by the licensee, certain technical concerns be addressed, and that before Pilgrim goes back on-line, appropriate repairs be made or corrective action be taken, and that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) discuss the status of such repairs or corrective actions with the public in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The Petition also requests that the NRC terminate its policy of issuing Notices of Enforcement Discretion (NOEDs) and asserts that the NRC has not been enforcing its regulations.

As the bases for these requests, you identified three groups of technical concerns: (1) age-related deterioration of 25 safety-related reactor internals; (2) parts and components "known to be a problem at Pilgrim," including the core shroud, water level indicators, quality assurance for fuel pool cooling system during loss-of-coolant-accident/loss of offsite power motor-operated valves, containment integrity, drywell liner corrosion vulnerability, station blackout vulnerability, and Rosemount transmitters; and (3) parts and components "potentially a problem at Pilgrim," including potential fuel rod corrosion and substandard and/or counterfeit parts. Additionally, you contend that allowing the reactor to operate under an NOED cannot pose less risk to the public health and safety than keeping the reactor shut down until NRC regulations are met.

Your request that the NRC discuss the status of repairs or corrective actions with the public was granted through NRC letter dated April 19, 1995. A public meeting was held by the NRC in Plymouth, Massachusetts on May 11, 1995, which provided an open discussion of the inspection results of the major inspections during refueling outage No. 10. The enclosed Director's Decision under 10 CFR 2.206 sets forth the basis for denial of your request that Pilgrim not be permitted to resume operation until repairs were made or corrective action taken with respect to the Pilgrim specific issues raised in your Petition, and your request that the NRC terminate the use of NOEDs.

A copy of the Decision will be filed with the Office of the Secretary for the Commission to review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206(c). As provided by this

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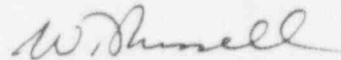
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regulation, the Decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 25 days after the date of issuance of the Decision unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of the Decision within that time.

Enclosed is a copy of the notice that is also being filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: 1. Director's Decision DD-95-19
2. Federal Register Notice

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