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ISSUANCE OF PARTIAL DIRECTOR'S DECISION UNDER 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued a Partial Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206 regarding the Georgia Tech Research Reactor in response to a Petition received from Ms. Pamela Blockey-O'Brien (Petitioner), dated October 23, 1994. The Partial Director's Decision also considered subsequent letters from the Petitioner dated November 12, and December 4, 1994, February 21, February 23, March 6, March 28, April 19, May 18, June 27, and July 18, 1995.

On October 23, 1994, the Petitioner requested (1) the shutdown and decontamination of the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) Research Reactor, (2) the revocation of liquid radioactive material release authority to all licensees, (3) the revocation of licenses that use the principle of as low as reasonably achievable, (4) the termination of transportation of radioactive material by mail, and (5) the modification to posting requirements for radioactive material. With regard to request (1), the enclosed Partial Director's Decision addressed the Petitioner's issues which are not currently being considered as part of a license renewal proceeding. The remaining Petitioner's issues relating to request (1) will be addressed under separate cover upon completion of the ongoing adjudicatory proceedings and NRC staff review. The Partial Director's Decision also addresses requests (2) through (5). The Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation found that the

Petitioner's concerns, addressed to date, do not raise a substantial health and safety concern warranting the requested actions. The reasons for this denial are explained in the "Partial Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206" (DD-95- 15), the complete text of which follows this notice, and which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC.

A copy of this Partial Director's Decision will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206(c). As provided in that regulation, the Decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 25 days after the date of the issuance of the Decision, unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of the Decision within that time.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Frank J Airagria, Acting Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of July 1995