

December 12, 1995

R. Benjan
24 Hillside Avenue
Montclair, NJ 07042

Dear R. Benjan:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an update on the status of your Section 2.206 petition dated October 26, 1994. Since my letter to you of October 12, 1995, the chemical testing and analysis of Thermo-Lag materials being coordinated by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) has been completed, and the results have been reviewed by the NRC staff. To obtain independent data to assess Thermo-Lag material consistency, the NRC staff also performed chemical composition tests at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). These tests have been completed, and the staff is awaiting receipt of the final report. After the staff completes its review of the NIST test report we will respond to each aspect of your petition.

I will inform you if there is any change to the status of your petition. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-3024.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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