



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

April 3, 1996

Mr. Richard Ochs  
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Dear Mr. Ochs:

I am responding to your press release of October 6, 1994, in which the Maryland Safe Energy Coalition requested action with regard to Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station of PECO Energy Company. This request was treated as a petition in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206 of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) regulations.

Specifically, the Petition requested that the NRC (1) immediately shut down both reactors at Peach Bottom until the risk of fire near electrical control cables due to combustible insulation is corrected; (2) immediately shut down both reactors at Peach Bottom until all safety class component parts in both reactor vessels, including the cooling system, the heat transfer system, and the reactor core, are inspected; (3) suspend the Peach Bottom license until an analysis of the synergistic effects of cracks in multiple parts is conducted; and (4) immediately shut down both reactors at Peach Bottom pending correction of numerous equipment problems identified in certain NRC inspection reports.

On December 2, 1994, I informed you that I was denying your requests for immediate shutdown and suspension of the operating license, that your Petition was being evaluated under 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations, and that action would be taken in a reasonable time.

The staff has completed its review of your request to immediately shut down both reactors at Peach Bottom until the risk of fire near electrical control cables due to combustible insulation is corrected. For the reasons stated in the enclosed Director's Decision (DD-96-03), your request is denied.

The remaining issues that you raised that were the basis for Requests 2, 3, and 4 of your Petition of October 6, 1994, are still under consideration by the NRC staff. A Final Director's Decision will be issued upon completion of the NRC staff's review.

A copy of the enclosed Decision will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for the Commission to review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206(c). As provided by this 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. The documents cited in the enclosed Decision are available for review at the Commission's Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and at the Local Public Document Room for the named facilities.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed By  
WILLIAM T. RUSSELL

William T. Russell, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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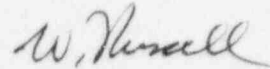
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