

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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DOCKET NO. 50-160

ISSUANCE OF FINAL 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 Final Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206 regarding the Georgia Tech Research Reactor at the Georgia Institute of Technology in response to a Petition received from Ms. Pamela Blockey-O'Brien (Petitioner), dated October 23, 1994. In issuing the Final Director's Decision, the NRC also considered subsequent letters from the Petitioner dated November 12 and December 4, 1994; and February 21, February 23, March 6, March 28, April 19, May 18, June 27, July 18, August 18, August 21, August 28, August 31, September 17, and October 27, 1995; and January 10, January 27, March 14, and May 24, 1996.

On October 23, 1994, the Petitioner requested (1) the shutdown and decontamination of the 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 rail, and (5) the modification to posting requirements for radioactive material. A "Partial Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206" (DD-95-15) dated July 31, 1995, addressed requests (2) through (5) and all the issues concerning request (1) except those management and security issues, which were

related to issues pending in an ongoing licensing proceeding for the Georgia Tech Research Reactor. The Partial Director's Decision denied the requested actions based on the evaluation to that time. See DD-95-15, 42 NRC 20-45 (1995).

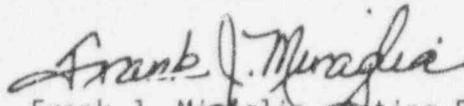
This Final Director's Decision addresses the issues related to management and security, which are the remaining bases for Petitioner's request for the shutdown and decontamination of the Georgia Tech Research Reactor. The Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has determined that these concerns do not provide a basis for taking the requested actions.

Accordingly, the remaining request of the Petition has been denied for the reasons stated in the "Final Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206"

(DD-97-16), the complete text of which follows this notice. The Final Director's Decision 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 Final Director's Decision will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206(c). As provided by 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. Miraglia, Acting Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Dated at Rockville, Maryland,
this 27th day of June 1997