



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

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Docket No.: 50-293

The Honorable James M. Shannon
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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

This letter is in further response to the Petition filed by Governor Michael S. Dukakis and you on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and its citizens (Petitioners) with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on October 15, 1987. The Petitioners requested that the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation institute a proceeding pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202 to modify, suspend, or revoke the operating license held by the Boston Edison Company for the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station.

You were notified by letter dated November 13, 1987, that your Petition would be treated as a request for action pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. Subsequently, on May 27, 1988, the staff concluded its evaluation of the information contained in the Petition concerning the need for a probabilistic risk assessment and, for the reasons stated in the enclosure, "Interim Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206," that portion of your Petition was denied. I further stated that the portion of your Petition covering management and emergency preparedness issues would be addressed in a subsequent response.

The staff has concluded its evaluation of the information contained in the Petition concerning numerous deficiencies in licensee management and, for the reasons stated in the enclosed "Second Interim Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206," that portion of your Petition has been denied.

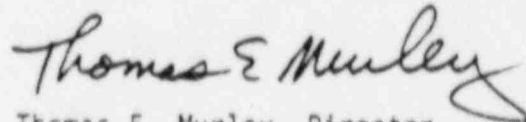
The staff has provided an update on the status of emergency preparedness to supplement the information provided in the May 27, 1988, Interim Decision. A decision cannot be made at this time regarding emergency preparedness and the issues you raise in this area will be addressed in a Final Decision.

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A copy of this Decision will be filed with the Secretary for the Commission's review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206(c). As provided in 10 CFR 2.206(c), this Decision will become the final action of the Commission in 25 days, unless the Commission determines to review the Decision within that time. I have also enclosed a copy of a notice that is being filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,



Thomas E. Murley, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosures:

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2. Federal Register Notice

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