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Docket No. 40-9027-MLA

ASLBP No. 99-757-01-MLA

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DESIGNATION OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the Federal Register, 37 F.R. 28710 (1972), and Sections 2.105, 2.700, 2.702, 2.714, 2.714a, 2.717 and 2.1207 of the Commission's Regulations, a single member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel is hereby designated to rule on petitions for leave to intervene and/or requests for hearing and, if necessary, to serve as the Presiding Officer to conduct an informal adjudicatory hearing in the following proceeding.

CABOT PERFORMANCE MATERIALS
(Request for Materials License Amendment)

The hearing, if granted, will be conducted pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Subpart L of the Commission's Regulations, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." This proceeding concerns a request for hearing submitted by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Reading and the City of Reading, Pennsylvania in

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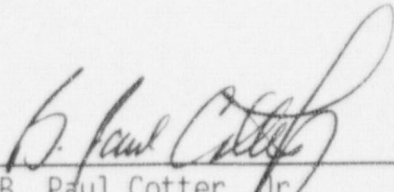
response to a license amendment request by Cabot Performance Materials (Cabot). The proposed amendment would allow decommissioning of Cabot's contaminated sites located in Reading and Revere, Pennsylvania. A notice of the proposed amendment was published in the Federal Register at 63 Fed. Reg. 57715 (October 28, 1998).

The Presiding Officer designated for this proceeding is Administrative Judge Peter B. Bloch. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 C.F.R. § 2.722, Administrative Judge Richard F. Cole has been appointed to assist the Presiding Officer in taking evidence and in preparing a suitable record for review.

All correspondence, documents and other materials shall be filed with Judge Bloch and Judge Cole in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 2.701. Their addresses are:

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Issued at Rockville, Maryland,

this 2nd day of December 1998.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing DESIGNATION OF PRESIDING OFCR. have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, except as otherwise noted and in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Sec. 2.712.

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