

June 23, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: File

FROM: Hugh L. Thompson, Jr., Director, Office of Nuclear Material
Safety and Safeguards

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH MR. ROISMAN RE: VERA ENGLISH 2.206 PETITION

On Monday, June 15, 1987, I held a two (2) hour meeting with Mr. Roisman, attorney for Ms. Vera English at his request. The following people were in attendance: Anthony Z. Roisman, Richard E. Cunningham, Glen J. Sjoblom, Eugene J. Holler, Susan S. Chidakel, Joseph J. Holonich, Richard J. Goddard and myself.

Mr. Roisman summarized the status of various legal proceedings including Ms. English's appeal of the Secretary of Labor's ruling, her arguments for why she believes the Secretary of Labor was wrong, and her tort action in the State court. Mr. Roisman was interested in the steps that NRC would be taking to respond to Ms. English's petition and emphasized his belief that strong enforcement action by NRC in this case was not only essential to protect the work force at GE Wilmington but was also needed to send a strong message to the world that NRC will not tolerate the harassment of individuals who raise safety issues. Mr. Roisman described the recent conversation he had with an employee at GE Wilmington who stated two (2) laboratory technicians, despite signing statements that they would strictly follow procedures, were not following procedures at the direction of their supervisor because they were afraid not to do what their supervisors had told them to do. Mr. Roisman used this as an indication of the ongoing chilling effect that the Vera English discrimination had had. Mr. Goddard stated that he thought that the allegation was being pursued by Region II because the individual had also talked to Region II people. Mr. Roisman also identified the Commission's decision in the Callaway case which had taken enforcement action for discrimination against a contractor employee, Mr. Smart, as further support for Ms. English's requested action. At my request, Mr. Goddard is also to identify any action GE Wilmington has taken to minimize any potential chilling effects of the current employees.

The staff stated the general steps that would be taken in addressing the 2.206 petition, our agreement that NRC needs to carefully evaluate this petition, that it raises some complex issues and stated that we would plan to act within

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a reasonable timeframe. We also stated that a specific schedule was not possible due to the extent and complex issues involved, including the relationships to the ongoing litigations.

Mr. Roisman was asked when he expected to respond to the GE Wilmington reply to the 2.206 petition. He stated it would probably be within 2-3 weeks. We stated that our response would await his filing.

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