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Honorable John O. Pastore, Chairman
Joint Committee on Atomic Energy
Congress of the United States

Dear Senator Pastore:

By letter of June 21, 1961, Mr. Gerard C. Gambe requested the Commission to exempt from licensing and other regulatory controls fish lures containing up to 15 millicuries of tritium in the form of a luminescent paint.

Enclosed for the information of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy is a copy of a letter to Mr. Gambe informing him that the Commission has denied his petition for rule making and a notice of denial of petition for rule making that will be published in the Federal Register.

The Commission considered that it would not be in the public interest to grant the petition because of the potential radiation exposure to the general public that could result from widescale use of radioactive materials in household items such as fish lures.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) H. L. Price

Harold L. Price
Director of Regulation

Enclosures:
As stated above

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. PRM-30-7

NOTICE OF DENIAL OF PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

Please take notice that the Commission has denied a petition for rule-making submitted by Gerard C. Gambs of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

By letter of June 21, 1961, Gerard C. Gambs petitioned the Atomic Energy Commission to amend 10 CFR Part 30 to exempt from licensing and other regulatory controls up to 15 millicuries of tritium to be applied to or contained in fish lures in the form of a luminescent paint.

The Commission has determined that, because of the potential radiation exposure to the general public that could result from wide-scale use of radioactive materials in household items such as fishlures, it would not be in the public interest to institute the public rule-making procedure requested by the petitioner.

A copy of the petition for rule-making and the Commission's letter of denial are available for public inspection in the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Dated at Germantown, Maryland, this 6th day of May
1963.

FOR THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

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Woodford B. McCool
Secretary

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Mr. Gerard C. Gamba
710 Country Club Drive
Pittsburgh 34, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Gamba:

Your letter of June 21, 1961, requested the Commission to amend 10 CFR Part 30, "Licensing of Byproduct Material," to exempt from the Commission's licensing and other regulatory controls up to 15 milllicuries of tritium to be applied to or contained in fish lures in the form of a luminescent paint.

The Commission has devoted considerable study to the overall problems presented by numerous potential uses of tritium and other byproduct materials in products, such as fish lures, that might be freely distributed to and remain in the hands of the general public. The Commission has given very careful consideration to your petition for rule making, which was of particular interest in the general study of such items containing radioactive material.

Fish lures are relatively low cost items, sold across the counter in large numbers to the general public. If the requested exemption were granted, millicurie quantities of radioactivity in fish lures would be made available to the general public and introduced into homes as a household item.

Because of the potential radiation exposure to the general public that could result from wide-scale use of radioactive materials in household items such as fish lures, the Commission has determined that it would not be in the public interest to

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Institute the public rule making procedure for which you have petitioned. Accordingly, your petition is denied. Enclosed is a copy of a notice of denial of petition for rule making that will be published in the Federal Register.

We wish to assure you that the Commission always welcomes suggestions for improvement of its regulations, and recommendations for making its regulatory program more effective.

Sincerely yours,

Woodford B. McCool
Secretary to the Commission

Enclosure:
As stated above