

Memorandum for the record

Date: 08/01/2006

From: Joe DeCicco, 2.206 Petition Manager

Subject: Telephone call to Mr. James Salsman re his 2.206 Petition request

Paul Goldberg and I placed a call at 1:00 pm (East Coast Time) today to Mr. James Salsman, who submitted a 2.206 Petition request on July 12, 2006. The call was placed in accordance with Management Directive 8.11, "Review Process for 10 CFR 2.206 Petitions."

I indicated to Mr. Salsman that the 2.206 process is a public process and that the petition and all correspondence and information in it will be made public. If he wished to address the issue as an allegation, another process would be needed. He understood that the 2.206 petition process was public.

I also extended to Mr. Salsman an invitation to address the Petition Review Board (PRB) to present any information he thought appropriate before the Board has its closed PRB meeting to decide how to address the Petition. He indicated that he wishes to address the Board because he felt that there was information that he has found since the Petition was submitted.

He also wished to invite Dr. Carl Alexander to participate. He indicated that Dr. Alexander has 45 years of experience in chemistry and thermodynamics of uranium trioxide gas. He would call Dr. Alexander to see if he could participate in the teleconference, or at least write a statement to submit before the PRB.

Mr. Salsman indicated he wished to discuss at the PRB teleconference serious misconduct issues. Mr Salsman indicated that surveys and studies are being misrepresented. He indicated that an article by a Dr. Han Kang indicating a near doubling of birth defects reported in children of male Gulf War Veterans was being misrepresented in another article by individuals (Drs. Doyle and Ryan) by indicating that Kang's presentation was evidence of a modest increase in risk and omitted mention of children of female Gulf War Veterans, which Dr. Kang reported as nearly tripling. He also felt that Dr. Eric Daxson is also misrepresenting the Kang article because Dr. Daxson indicated that a Department of Veteran Affairs draft which Dr. Kang co-authored in response to reviewer comment misrepresents the findings, indicating none of the information could be shown to be statistically significant when broken down by specific type of birth defects.

Paul Goldberg indicated that most of the information that the Petitioner was mentioning was not directly relevant to the Petitioner's request to take enforcement action on licensees and that NRC has no role in the matter but that he was entitled to discuss any concerns he felt were material to his petition. Mr. Salsman indicated that he wanted to bring these issues to light.

I indicated that he could address the PRB at 1:15 pm (Rockville time) on Monday, August 7, 2006. He indicated that he would try to contact Dr. Alexander to see if he could participate or provide a statement, and get back to us as to the ability to address the PRB on August 7, 2006. He also said he would try to obtain a statement from Dr. Kang.