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BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)	
)	Docket No. 30-31373-CivP
CONAM INSPECTION, INC)	
Itasca, Illinois)	ASLBP No. 98-735-01-CivP
)	
(Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty))	

NRC STAFF RESPONSE TO CONAM'S MOTION
TO EXTEND DISCOVERY PERIOD

Discovery in the subject proceeding closes on April 23, 1998, under the Licensing Board's Order of March 19, 1998. Depositions scheduled for the week of March 23, 1998, at the NRC's Region Office in Lisle, Illinois were postponed due to Conam's counsel's involvement in an accident the preceding week. On April 14, 1998, the Staff moved for an extension of the discovery period to May 12, 1998, and rescheduled depositions for the week of April 20, 1998.

On April 17, 1998, Conam's counsel, Mr. Clifton Lake, moved the Board further to extend discovery to June 1, 1998, and committed to depositions on May 12 and 13, 1998, the reason being that he had not sufficiently recovered from his accident to engage in depositions on April 21.

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The Staff believes that Conam's counsel has adequately provided good cause to extend the discovery period and to reschedule depositions to May 12 and 13, 1998. Therefore, the Staff does not object to the requested extension of the period for discovery.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charles A. Barth
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Dated at Rockville, Maryland
this 21st day of April 1998

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