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MEMORANDUM FOR: Donald B. Mausshardt, Deputy Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

FROM: Richard E. Cunningham, Director
Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety

SUBJECT: PETITION FOR REVOCATION OF EDLOW LICENSE
(Docket No. 040-08760)

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As requested in your memorandum dated February 8, 1985, a status report on the Edlow Petition is provided below:

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1. John Hickey has the lead on the response to the petition in coordination with ELD (Richard Hoefling) and Region III (William Axelson).
2. The application for renewal of the license was received by Region III on January 28, 1985, so the license is now under timely renewal. Both the petition and the renewal application present the same basic issue: should the license be renewed? Therefore, they will be reviewed together, with NMSS, Region III, and ELD in coordination.
3. There are substantial safety and environmental questions regarding the Edlow site. The fire in December, 1983 was of unknown origin and could have caused serious offsite impact. The neighborhood is densely populated and has high crime and arson rates. We plan to ask the licensee for extensive risk analyses regarding his operation. We will obtain ELD advice as to what extent we can apply NEPA to this case. Preparation of a deficiency letter to the applicant will take about 60 days.
4. A hearing request on the renewal application has been received from Illinois State Representative Younge. OGC has the lead. We are recommending through ELD that no action be taken on the hearing request until Edlow responds to our deficiency letter and we evaluate the response.

Original Signed by
Richard E. Cunningham

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