



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

October 31, 1996

Mr. Anthony J. Ross
P.O. Box 2967
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Dear Mr. Ross:

I am responding to your Petition of December 30, 1994. Your request was referred to me in accordance with Section 2.206 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 2.206).

In your Petition, you requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) (1) "force" Northeast Utilities (NU) to review all existing work orders for the past 10 or 12 years, with NRC oversight, to ensure that quality assurance (QA) motor and connection work does not have certain deficiencies; (2) assess a Severity Level I violation against NU and its managers for apparent violations of 10 CFR 50.7 and a Severity Level III violation against a gas turbine system engineer at Millstone for his apparent violation of 10 CFR 50.7 and NU's "Code of Conduct and Ethics;" and (3) institute sanctions against the system engineer and NU and its managers for engaging in deliberate misconduct in violation of 10 CFR 50.5. As grounds for these requests, you asserted that (1) the licensee does not adequately control work and procedure compliance at Millstone, as evidenced by the use of standard commercial-grade lugs in a gas turbine fuel forwarding pump and motor that are QA subsystems of the emergency gas turbine generator and which had apparently been crimped using diagonal pliers; improper Raychem splices, cable bend radius, and connections in the connection boxes of major safety-related QA equipment; and installation of non-QA lugs and improperly performed crimping in fire protection QA emergency lights and (2) you were subjected to ridicule by the gas turbine system engineer for raising concerns regarding the lugs on the gas turbine fuel forwarding pump and motor.

The NRC acknowledged receipt of your Petition in a letter dated February 23, 1995. For the reasons explained in the enclosed Director's Decision, I have denied your request. A copy of the Decision will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for the Commission to review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206(c). As provided by this regulation, the Decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 25 days after the date of issuance of the Decision unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of the Decision within that time. I have also enclosed a copy of the notice of

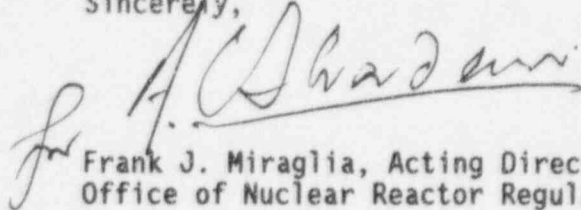
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"Issuance of Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206," which includes the complete text of DD-96-17, which is being filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "F. J. Miraglia", is written over a horizontal line. To the left of the signature is a small, stylized mark that looks like a lowercase "f" or "fr".

Frank J. Miraglia, Acting Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosures: 1. Director's Decision 96-17
2. Federal Register Notice

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Sincerely,

(Original Signed By A. Thadani for)

Frank J. Miraglia, Acting Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-245

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