



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Docket No. 030-04632
(10 C.F.R. § 2.206)

Ms. Gloria M. Mitchell, President
Ms. Linda Hammons, Vice President
Indian Orchard Citizens Council
117 Main Street
Indian Orchard, Massachusetts 01151

Dear Mss. Mitchell and Hammons:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 29, 1992, on behalf of the Indian Orchard Citizens Council, addressed to the Chairman, requesting that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission take action with regard to Interstate Nuclear Service Corporation (INS). Because your letter requests either ~~amendment~~, suspension, revocation of the INS license or other appropriate action, your letter is being treated as a Petition subject to 10 C.F.R. § 2.206.

The Petition requests that the NRC: participate in a public hearing in Indian Orchard to respond to the concerns of neighborhood residents; hold a surprise inspection of INS; check homes in the area for radiation contamination; provide a copy of the NRC regulations under which INS operates; check adjoining Park Department land, including Dimmock Pond and Loon Pond, for contamination and illegal dumping of waste material; determine what INS has done with waste material not shipped; provide the docket number for INS; identify a Public Document Room for INS and its location; and describe the type of monitoring done, who does it, and how frequently. Petitioners further request on behalf of neighborhood residents that: radioactive readings outside the INS fence perimeters be "0" at all times; "0" nuclear waste by-products be allowed to enter Springfield's water/sewer system; INS stop using residential streets, specifically Nagle and Nichols Streets, to go to and from its plant; and under no circumstances allow INS to store nuclear waste on its property.

Petitioners assert, as bases for these requests, that the residents of the Indian Orchard neighborhood of Springfield, Massachusetts, live in close proximity to INS and have expressed great concern over possible health issues, especially since publication of an article in the Springfield Sunday Republican on June 7, 1992, which reported that: radiation readings outside the INS perimeter fence, near a waste-filled truck, were 12 to 15 times normal background radiation levels experienced in everyday life; all INS waste will be stored on site beginning January 1, 1993; in 1989 INS waste stored was twice the volume shipped; the corporate health physics manager of INS, Michael Bovino, said that waste is removed twice a year but NRC records indicate it is removed only once a year and not at all in 1990; a person standing at the INS fence for two days in early May would have received a higher radiation dose than a person standing at Vermont Yankee's fence for a year because of stiffer regulations for nuclear power plants; and there have been allegations that INS discharges radioactive water into the City sewer system.

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As provided by Section 2.206 of 10 C.F.R. Part 2 (copy enclosed), appropriate action will be taken with regard to the specific issues raised by the petition in a reasonable time. By letter dated July 21, 1992, Richard W. Cooper, II, Director, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards, NRC Region I, provided a partial response to your letter of June 29, 1992. I have enclosed for your information a copy of the notice of receipt of your Petition that is being filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Robert M. Bernero

Robert M. Bernero, Director
Office of Nuclear Materials Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosures:

1. 10 C.F.R. Part 2
2. Notice of Receipt of
Petition

cc w/enclosures:

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