



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I
475 ALLENDALE ROAD
KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19406

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Indian Orchard Citizens Council
ATTN: Gloria M. Mitchell
President
117 Main Street
Indian Orchard, Massachusetts 01151

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

The NRC appreciates the Council bringing the concerns of the Indian Orchard citizens regarding the operations of the Interstate Nuclear Services (INS) to our attention. We also appreciate your efforts in providing a forum for the citizens to have their questions and concerns addressed. As you are probably aware, the NRC conducted an inspection of the INS facility on Parker Street on July 8 and 9, 1992. The NRC is currently preparing an inspection report that will be issued prior to the public meeting on July 23, 1992. We will expedite sending you a copy of the inspection report to ensure that you receive it in advance of the public meeting. At that meeting the lead inspector for the recent NRC inspection, the Region's State Liaison Officer, and I will discuss the NRC's program of regulatory oversight at INS, as well as the licensee's performance under that program. We will also answer questions from the public concerning the INS facility and our recent inspection.

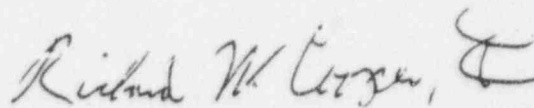
In your June 29, 1992 letter to Chairman Selin, you expressed a number of concerns regarding the operations at INS. Because the NRC wants to make sure that each of your concerns is carefully considered and weighed against the body of information concerning INS' regulatory and safety performance, your letter is being treated under the Commission's 10 CFR 2.206 petition process. Consequently, a formal response to your letter will not be available prior to the public meeting; however, you will receive our response under separate correspondence at a later date.

Some of the information that you requested in your June 29, 1992 letter is being provided to you at this time. Specifically:

1. The NRC regulations which allow INS to operate are contained in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulation Parts 2, 19, 20, 30, 40, 70, and 71. Copies of these Parts are enclosed.
2. The NRC Public Document Room for INS is at the NRC Region I office at 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, 19406. Please call 215-337-5239 to make an appointment to review the docket files.

We are committed to ensuring the safe operation of INS, as well as all licensed facilities that we regulate. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your concerns at the upcoming public meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard W. Cooper, II", followed by a stylized flourish.

Richard W. Cooper, II, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosures:

10 CFR 2, 19, 20, 30, 40, 70, and 71

cc:

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