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Gentlemen:

I am responding to a Petition dated June 5, 1995, filed by you on behalf of the Nuclear Information and Resource Service and the Prairie Island Coalition Against Nuclear Storage (Petitioners) pursuant to Section 2.206 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 2.206). In the Petition you requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) immediately suspend the operating licenses for Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2. The Petition was based on alleged problems with cracking of the Prairie Island steam generator tubes and reactor vessel head penetrations, use of the transfer channel between the reactor core and the fuel pool during unloading and loading of dry cask storage units, in an emergency, and use of the Prairie Island crane.

For the reasons stated in the enclosed Director's Decision (DD-96-21), your Petition is denied. In reaching this decision, I have considered the concerns expressed in letters to the NRC dated June 21, 1995, from the Prairie Island Coalition Against Nuclear Storage, and February 19, 1996, and March 13, 1996, from both Petitioners, primarily in the area of steam generator tube cracking.

In your Petition dated June 5, 1995, you requested that an evening public hearing be held in the vicinity of Prairie Island. This subject was addressed in an NRC staff letter to you dated July 12, 1995, which denied the request for an informal public hearing at that time, indicating that the criteria in Management Directive 8.11, "Review Process for 10 CFR 2.206 Petitions," were not met. However, it was there noted that the NRC staff would revisit the request at the time of issuance of a Director's Decision. The NRC staff does not consider a discretionary public hearing at this time to be a prudent use of staff resources and does not intend to hold an evening public hearing to discuss the specific NRC decisions issued in the Director's Decision.

A copy of this decision will be referred to 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 unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of the decision within that time. The documents cited in the enclosed decision are available for review at the

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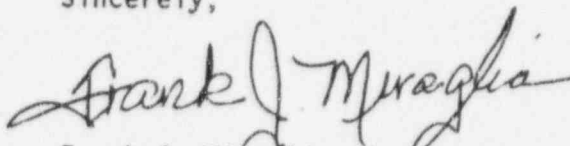
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I have also enclosed a copy of the notice, "Issuance of Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206," which contains the complete text of DD-96-21 that has been filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Miraglia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

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

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Original signed by
Frank J. Miraglia

Frank J. Miraglia, Acting Director
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