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Bureau of Radiation Protection

Jack and Linda Sutton
1745 Klines Mill Road
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Re: **Your letter of July 29, 2003 to the Honorable Edward G. Rendell**

Dear Concerned Citizens:

Governor Rendell has asked that I respond to your letter of July 29, 2003 regarding CFC Logistics, Inc. and the installation of an irradiator in your community.

Your letter identifies a list of concerns about the siting and licensing process for a proposed cobalt-60 irradiator in Milford Township. They appear to be issues that one would reasonably expect to be addressed in the licensing review process. However, as you have noted, the license review and authorization process for the CFC Logistics Facility is controlled by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Please be advised individuals as well as groups and organizations can bring concerns before the NRC. Due to the interest expressed in the license application for this facility, the NRC, on July 14, 2003, appointed a member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel to serve as Presiding Officer to rule on petitions to intervene and/or requests for hearing. It is my understanding that upon making the requisite findings in accordance with Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations Part 2.1205(h), the Presiding Officer will conduct an adjudicatory hearing regarding the application for a license.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.1203, you may submit your concerns directly to:

Administrative Judge Michael C. Farrar, Presiding Officer
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington DC 20555-0001

or

Dr. Charles N. Kelber, Special Assistant
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel
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I'm confident NRC feels as we do, i.e., participation by interveners in the licensing process serves to strengthen and assure the effectiveness of the process. In closing, I would note the Commonwealth, through the Bureau of Radiation Protection (BRP), routinely interfaces with the NRC on matters regarding NRC licensees in the Commonwealth. Security, safety and terrorism are concerns common to both agencies. Based on our knowledge of the NRC licensing process and Commonwealth's established working relationship with the NRC over several decades, the BRP expects that such issues will be properly scrutinized and dealt with by the NRC. Also, I would add (with much pride), the Commonwealth is one of the best prepared states to deal with any nuclear or radiological emergency event. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.J. Allard", written in a cursive style.

David J. Allard, CHP
Director
Bureau of Radiation Protection

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