

August 30, 1995

MEMORANDUM TO: Don Funk, Office Allegation Coordinator
THRU: Gary Shear, Chief
Fuel Cycle and Decommissioning Branch
FROM: John Jacobson, Fuel Facility Inspector
Fuel Cycle and Decommissioning Branch
SUBJECT: TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH K. JONES, EPA

I spoke with Kim Jones, an EPA investigator, who is looking into a concern raised by [redacted] 17c

[redacted] I updated Ms. Jones on the status of the NRC response after the Allegation Review Board held on August 28, 1995. I told her that a telephone call to the licensee had indicated that routine shipments of contaminated sewage sludge had apparently been made by the licensee prior to January 1994. Although not confirmed yet, this was a potential violation of 10 CFR 20.301 for improper disposal of radioactive waste. The licensee apparently believed that it could release these wastes as "effluent" if the "slurry" met the concentration limits for releases to the environment in place prior to 1994. I indicated that the licensee has apparently not shipped waste since January 1994 because of the stricter effluent release criteria in the new Part 20, implemented on that date. I also told her that the case had been referred to OI because of the criminal investigation underway by EPA and potential wrongdoing issues.

She stated that she now had an indication that [redacted] 17c
[redacted] may not have delivered the sludge to the Metropolitan Sewer District as contracted. I told her that the safety concerns over the disposal of this waste would greatly increase if it had in fact not been delivered to a landfill. I asked if she could clear this issue up and call back as quickly as possible.

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