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Judge Peter B. Bloch
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Judge Bloch:

I have received telephone calls from four different news reporters questioning the potential for conflict of interest with my membership on the Comanche Peak Hearing Board because of some funds received by Oklahoma State University from the Halliburton Foundation. I have reported none of the numerous grants and contracts supported by various corporations at the Oklahoma State University in the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology, of which I am Dean, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as part of the evaluation of any conflict of interest that I might have. I have limited my declarations to bonds, stocks, consulting, etc., that accumulate monies and resources to myself personally. Following an evaluation, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has declared that I am eligible to participate in any hearing so long as Oklahoma State University is not involved.

Nevertheless, to make it clear how I conclude that the Halliburton Foundation Grant generates no conflict of interest on my part, I will summarize the resources for which I am responsible to run the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology programs at Oklahoma State University.

During fiscal year 1983 ending June 30, 1983, state appropriated funds allocated to the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology totalled approximately \$7,455,000. These funds are used to support instruction, research and extension in the College.

During this same period of fiscal year 1983, the College was a party in 72 different contracts for research and services for specific projects with both government and corporate units. These total resources come to approximately \$5,530,000. In addition, some 100 conferences and short courses were handled within the College organizations with income totalling some \$710,000.

The total resources used by the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology through Oklahoma State University then totals approximately \$13,695,000.

In addition to the funds received through Oklahoma State University, there is a second funding organization called the Oklahoma State University

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Foundation through which corporations and individuals can contribute gifts to be used for designated purposes. During fiscal year 1983, 171 different corporations contributed approximately \$905,000 and 180 individuals contributed approximately \$37,000 for a total funds contributed of approximately \$941,000 for fiscal year 1983 to units within the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology.

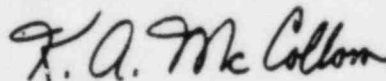
Halliburton Foundation contributed \$20,000 as one of the 171 corporations contributing \$905,000 during fiscal year 1983. The year 1983 was the seventeenth consecutive year that the Halliburton Foundation has contributed to the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology. From 1967 to 1970 inclusive, they contributed \$10,000 each year. From 1971 to 1981 inclusive, they contributed \$15,000 per year. In 1982 and 1983, they contributed \$20,000 per year.

The Halliburton funds contributed to the College in fiscal year 1983 were specified as \$5,000 to be used for teaching excellence awards and the remaining \$15,000 restricted to salary supplements, incentive awards, and/or assistance in professional development activities for one or more faculty members actively teaching on campus. The Halliburton Foundation funds are administered solely by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Dr. Robert L. Swaim. He has full jurisdiction to make decisions and spend the resources, keeping me informed of how they are used. Thus, the Halliburton Foundation is one of 171 corporations contributing to the College in the OSU Foundation, contributing 2.2 percent of the funds in the OSU Foundation, and one-tenth of one percent of the resources available for me to administer the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology during fiscal year 1983.

Since the Halliburton Foundation contribution is sufficiently small compared to the total resources available to me to administer the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology, and since I, personally, do not receive any funds for my personal use, I consider that the conflict of interest question between the Halliburton Foundation grant and my participation as a Board Member for Comanche Peak Steam Electric System to be nil.

I hope this clarifies the issue.

Sincerely yours,



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