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Bill Mallett

20 February 1985

Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Editor:

The presence of uranium yellow cake and uranium hexafluoride at a storage site bordering East St. Louis is a cause of grave concern to us.

A serious accident at the site would necessitate evacuation of East St. Louis and perhaps part of St. Louis. No evacuation plans have been made and no evacuation drills to prepare residents have occurred.

A fire at the site on December 7, 1983, is evidence of the possibility of such an accident. If a citizen had not just happened to be driving by the plant in the early hours of the morning and alerted fire fighters a catastrophe would have occurred. The Edlow Company, responsible for the safety of the site, had been negligent in its surveillance responsibilities. The N.R.C.'s imposed fine of \$1600 is no more than a slap on the hand as punishment for this negligence.

We ask you not to renew Edlow's storage license SMC-1377 because:

1. The company has shown itself to be casual in its enforcement of safety procedures
2. The site is too close to a residential area, including a school which is right across the street
3. There is insufficient police and fire fighting personnel in East St. Louis to respond to burglaries, vandalism, fires, etc. at Edlow's storage site
4. The potential for transportation accidents is high. A site closer to Metropolis, IL. would be more logical and reduce the likelihood of such accidents.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this grave matter.

Sincerely,

The Human Rights Task Force
St. Louis Clergy and Laity Concerned

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Martin G. Malsch, Deputy General Counsel
Office of the General Counsel

FROM: William J. Olmstead
Director and Chief Counsel
Regulations Division
Office of the Executive
Legal Director

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR HEARING AND REQUEST FOR ACTION UNDER
10 CFR § 2.206 ON EDLOW INTERNATIONAL STORAGE SITE
LICENSE AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS

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File - Edlow

OELD became involved with the subject license because various letters seeking removal of Edlow's storage site were treated as § 2.206 petitions. (Relevant material is enclosed.) Recently, the Region and NMSS have sought our advice about how Edlow's license renewal request should be treated in light of a previous hearing request from Representative Younge (to which Marjorie Nordlinger responded). At the time the request was received, no application was pending. However, we understand Representative Younge still wishes to pursue the matter. We are sending you the relevant material because OGC has handled such hearing requests in the past. We are enclosing the material on the § 2.206 petitions because the underlying issues are the same and could be disposed of in a hearing.

We understand that NMSS will be sending Edlow a deficiency letter on its renewal requests. Thus, although you may wish to act on the hearing request promptly, license issuance is not imminent.

Please note that Senator Simpson's staff has shown an interest in this matter and that Fred Combs of OCA has been apprised.

Please let us know if we can provide any further help.

William J. Olmstead

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