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ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT DIVISION

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 3, 1982

Mr. J. A. Hind, Director
Division of Emergency Preparedness
and Operational Support
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. Hind:

Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation received the results of NRC site inspections of August 11, 1981 to February 17, 1981 noting no items of non-compliance with NRC requirements as transmitted in your letter of February 22, 1982. There were, however, several items within the report which were in error and require clarification.

Those points are:

- 1.) Item 3-Building Demolition (p.2): The sentence "Some of the rubble has been boxed; the rest remains where it fell" is inaccurate. The statement conveys the use of a haphazard and sloppy demolition procedure when, in fact, the razing of structures is done under controlled conditions with subsequent rubble being segregated into specific categories; e.g. brick, wood, and steel. Much of the material is bundled, banded and boxed. Brick is consolidated in piles. This segregation would not be evident if, indeed, the rubble was left "where it fell".
- 2.) Item 3-Building Demolition (p. 3): Removable contamination, not fixed contamination, on walls and other surfaces is spray painted to prevent dislodgement during demolition activities.
- 3.) Item 5 - Liquid Releases (p.4): The sump in Building #14 is sampled weekly, not biweekly, and after every rain. In addition, surface water samples from twelve (12) other locations, not eleven (11), are taken following precipitation events. These sample points are above, at, and below the facility site to provide an accurate indication of possible site influences.
- 4.) Item 8 - Perimeter Fence Integrity (p.5): Kerr-McGee inspects the facility fence perimeter on a weekly basis and routinely mends any wire breaks or holes in the chain-link fence greater than 4-6" in size.

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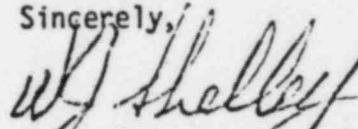
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These errors, though admittedly minor, could convey an impression of laxness and disregard for the potential hazards encountered in the demolition and stabilization of the West Chicago facility if taken out of context. Such an impression would be a disservice not only to Kerr-McGee but also to the residents of the area where every precaution is being taken to complete the work safely as is evidenced by the consistently favorable NRC facility inspection reports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. J. Shelley', written in a cursive style.

W. J. Shelley, Vice President
Nuclear Licensing & Regulation

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cc: W. A. Nixon