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Mr. Donald A. Nussbaumer, Chief  
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Division of Licensing and Regulation  
U. S. A. E. C.  
Washington 25, D. C. 20545



Dear Sir:

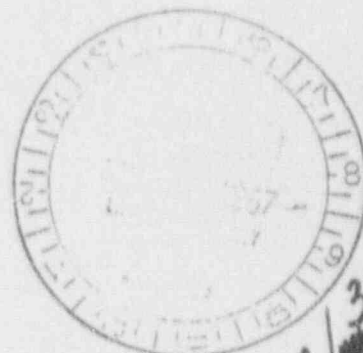
In and around the year 1961 the Carborundum Metals Company, now Carborundum Metals Climax, Inc., produced Hafnium and Zirconium metals from an ore which was mined in Nigeria, West Africa. This so-called Nigerian ore contained measurable quantities of Thorium, Uranium and Rhenium and, thus, came under A.E.C. jurisdiction. Indeed, our license to process Nigerian ore does not expire until October, 1967, although none has been processed for some four years.

Now, four to seven years later, we still have several hundred tons of process-residues stored outdoors in steel drums awaiting disposal. The drums are corroding, the material is scattering and ultimate disposal is becoming more of a problem daily. We have tried in vain to give these residues to processors of rare earths for the cost of hauling them away. Something must be done.....and done this summer..... or the situation will become intolerable.

Therefore, I respectfully request that a representative of the A.E.C. visit our Parkersburg, W. Va. operation to survey our situation and discuss with me the problem of permanently disposing of these residues. Your early attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*R. W. Ritchey*  
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Plant Manager



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