

Docket No. 27-7

AUG 21 1958

Mr. Seth Gordon, Director  
Department of Fish and Game  
State of California  
722 Capitol Ave.  
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Gordon:

This is to inform you that the Commission has issued a source and byproduct material license, a copy of which is enclosed, to Isotope Specialties Company, Inc., 170 West Providencia, Burbank, California, to receive, possess, package and dispose of source and byproduct material in the Pacific Ocean. The license is substantially similar to the license described in the Notice of Proposed Issuance printed in the Federal Register on March 8, 1958.

As stated in our letter of May 9, the AEC's criteria for licensing the disposal of radioactive waste in the ocean are based upon the most authoritative technical and scientific data available and we believe that they provide reasonable and adequate safeguards to public health and safety. Studies are currently being conducted in connection with safe disposal of radioactive material on both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. However, to date, the information we have received does not indicate that our present licensing criteria for ocean disposal of radioactive material should be changed. If further results from such ocean studies indicate that revisions of these criteria are desirable or necessary, appropriate modifications to existing waste disposal licenses can be made under our regulations.

The license to Isotope Specialties has been issued in view of the above, the absence of any request for a formal hearing on the proposed issuance, and the fact that two licensees are currently authorized to dispose of radioactive wastes in the Pacific Ocean under our present criteria.

Very truly yours,

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