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

Dear Mr. Gordon:

This is in further reply to your letter of August 25, 1958.

As you know, the California Senate Interim Committee on Fish and Game is holding hearings on the possible effects on marine life of the ocean disposal of radioactive wastes. We were originally invited to participate in the Committee's sessions to be held on October 6 and 7. However, since certain members of our technical staff concerned with sea disposal had not returned from the Geneva Conference, we inquired of Senator Ed. C. Johnson, Chairman of the Committee, whether the Committee would be agreeable to deferring our participation until the week of October 20. Senator Johnson was good enough to accede to our request and we have just been informed that our meeting with the Committee has been set for 1 p.m. on October 20, either in San Francisco or Sacramento.

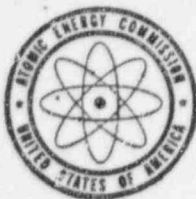
In view of the forthcoming meeting with the Committee and because of the importance and scope of the questions discussed in your letter of August 25, we believe that this would be an opportune time to hold first-hand discussions with you and your staff on the various aspects of our mutual interest in sea disposal of radioactive waste. Aside from the obvious advantages of such a meeting, we also feel that it would enable us to be more helpful to you as we complete our reply to your letter of August 25. If you think well of this suggestion, I will be glad to have our people arrange to meet with you on the day following completion of the session with the Senate Committee. This would probably be October 21 or 22.

Will you please let us hear from you as early as convenient.

Sincerely yours,

H. L. Price, Director  
 Division of Licensing & Regulation

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Dear Mr. Gordon:

This is in further reply to your letter of August 25, 1958. <sup>Since</sup> ~~acknowledging~~ your letter we have ~~received a letter from~~ <sup>been informed by</sup> Mr. Harry K. Grafe, Executive Secretary, Senate Interim Committee on Fish and Game, Sacramento, California, ~~informing us that a hearing is to be~~ <sup>had been</sup>

~~held on October 6 and 7 in San Francisco to discuss the possible effects on marine life of the ocean disposal of radioactive waste from peacetime uses. Some certain members have been selected staff members with AEC disposal had not then returned from the Senate Conference.~~

~~We have been in contact with Mr. Ed. C. Johnson, Chairman of the Senate Committee, and have arranged to have members of our staff appear before this Committee during the week of October 20.~~

~~In view of the importance and scope of the questions discussed in your letter of August 25 we believe first-hand discussions with you would be more profitable than trying to deal with the questions by letter. If it is agreeable with you we would like to suggest our staff meet with you after the hearing during the week of October 20 on a date that would be convenient with you.~~

We would hope that these discussions would assist in resolving the problems of disposal of radioactive waste in the Pacific Ocean. We shall look forward to hearing from you as to whether such a meeting is agreeable.

Very truly yours,

H. L. Price, Director  
Division of Licensing and Regulation

*Mr. Gordon, the staff  
will be in contact with  
the committee  
I believe it is  
the committee  
to be determined  
October 20, the place  
informal that our  
committee has been  
meeting with the  
staff members  
to have the committee  
staff members*

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Mr. Seth Gordon, Director  
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722 Capitol Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Gordon:

This is in further reply to your letter of August 25, 1958. Since acknowledging your letter we have received a letter from Mr. Harry K. Grare, Executive Secretary, Senate Interim Committee on Fish and Game, Sacramento, California, informing us that a hearing is to be held on October 6 and 7 in San Francisco to discuss the possible effects on marine life of the ocean disposal of radioactive waste from peacetime uses.

We have been in contact with Mr. Ed. C. Johnson, Chairman of the Senate Committee, and have arranged to have members of our staff appear before this Committee during the week of October 20.

In view of the importance and scope of the questions discussed in your letter of August 25 we believe first-hand discussions with you would be more profitable than trying to deal with the questions by letter. If it is agreeable with you we would like to suggest our staff meet with you after the hearing during the week of October 20 on a date that would be convenient with you.

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Mr. Seth Gordon, Director  
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Dear Mr. Gordon:

This is in reply to your letter of August 25, 1958.

We appreciate the thoroughness with which you have expressed your views on the question of radioactive waste disposal in the Pacific Ocean.

You may be assured that the questions and proposals contained in your letter are receiving the most serious consideration by the Commission. While we cannot, at this time, provide a complete answer to your letter of August 25, we should like to deal with those questions to which we can provide an answer.

With respect to your question as to the total activity deposited in the Pacific Ocean, we are enclosing a report, WASH-734, from which this information was extracted and included in our letter of May 9. You will note on page 9 the total estimated curie content of drums dumped off San Francisco through 1956 is listed as 10,000 curies and that dumped off Southern California is 42 curies with a total estimated curie content dumped in the Pacific Ocean of 10,042 curies.

As you have requested, we are enclosing copies of all AEC licenses issued to companies in California to collect and dispose of radioactive waste in the Pacific Ocean. Also enclosed is a Notice of Proposed Issuance of a license to Nuclear Engineering Company, Inc., which was filed with the Federal Register on September 8, 1958. A copy of this notice was furnished to: Governor Goodwin J. Knight; Dr. Malcolm H. Merrill, State Department of Health, Berkeley; Mr. Edward P. Park, Department of Industrial Relations, San Francisco; and Mr. A. C. Blackman, Department of Industrial Relations, San Francisco.

We will send you future notifications of receipt of application for license, proposed issuance and issuance of license to firms in California to dispose of radioactive waste in the Pacific Ocean.

We understand that the final report of the National Academy of Sciences dealing with the establishing of disposal areas in the Atlantic Ocean will be available in about four weeks and you will be furnished a copy as soon as it is completed. We further understand that the National Academy of Sciences Committee has initiated its study on disposal areas in the Pacific Ocean and that you will be intimately involved in this study. We will be pleased to participate in a meeting with state agencies in California after this study is completed to consider the recommendations of the Committee.

With respect to the remainder of the views expressed in your letter, we believe that an informal meeting at an early date between you and other interested state agencies and Commission representatives to more thoroughly discuss our problems will assist us in giving definitive answers to the questions and proposals contained in your letter. We have recently received a letter from Mr. Harry K. Grafe, Executive Secretary, Senate Interim Committee on Fish and Game, Sacramento, California, that a hearing is to be held October 6 and 7 in San Francisco to discuss the possible effects on marine life of the ocean disposal of radioactive waste from peacetime uses. We have been invited by Mr. Grafe to participate in this hearing and we have enclosed a copy of our reply informing him that Mr. Arnold Joseph and Mr. Lester Rogers will represent the Commission at the hearing. While Mr. Joseph and Mr. Rogers are in California, we should like to take the opportunity to meet with you and representatives from other interested state agencies after the hearing to freely exchange ideas on the subject of disposal of waste in the Pacific Ocean.

We would hope that these discussions would assist in resolving the problems of disposal of radioactive waste in the Pacific Ocean. We would, therefore, like to propose such a meeting either on October 7 or 8 after the hearing is completed, at your convenience.

We shall look forward to hearing from you as to whether such a meeting is agreeable with you.

Very truly yours,

Eber R. Price