

Honorable H. Allen Smith
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Smith:

This refers to your letter of May 23, 1960, in which you request comments on an enclosed letter you received from Dr. Kenneth W. Newman, General Manager of Isotopes Specialties Company, Division of Nuclear Corporation of America, concerning the Commission's news release announcing the designation of interim land burial sites at Oak Ridge, Tennessee and Idaho Falls, Idaho. A copy of the news release is enclosed.

Dr. Newman urges in his letter that only firms providing AEC licensed commercial waste disposal service be allowed to package and ship radioactive waste to the land burial sites. In support of his request, Dr. Newman asserts that licensed waste disposal services have the necessary training, facilities, and equipment to properly package waste and that other AEC licensees may not. He also mentions the problems the Commission might have in determining that waste shipped to land burial sites is properly packaged.

We have given Dr. Newman's recommendations careful consideration and there does not appear to be sufficient reason for the Atomic Energy Commission to impose the kind of restriction proposed by Dr. Newman. The reasons for this view are described in our letter to Dr. Newman, a copy of which is enclosed for your information. As requested, Dr. Newman's letter is returned.

We would be happy to provide any further information on this matter you require.

Sincerely yours,

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