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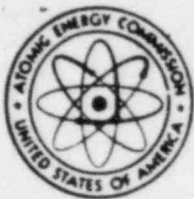
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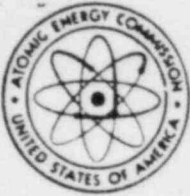
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December 7, 1973

James Engel, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Engel:

This will confirm the telephone conversation held with C. E. Norelius of this office on November 26, 1973, regarding your inquiry as to the AEC's control over use of radioactive material by Kerr-McGee Corporation in West Chicago, Illinois.

Thorium, a naturally occurring radioactive material, is possessed and used by Kerr-McGee under License No. STA-583 issued by the Atomic Energy Commission. The current license is effective through June 30, 1974. Periodic inspections of this program are conducted by this office to assure that AEC licensed materials are handled safely, and in accordance with Commission requirements. A copy of 10 CFR 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation," is enclosed for your information.

During our last inspection, we learned, as you have, that Kerr-McGee plans to curtail operations at this facility. As Mr. Norelius advised you, curtailment of operations does not relieve the company of its responsibility under their AEC license. If thorium production stops but an inventory of radioactive material is maintained, a system of physical security will be required. If the company plans to sell the facility, it must be decontaminated to de minimus levels or the recipient of the facility must obtain an appropriate AEC license.

If you have further questions, we would be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely yours,

James G. Keppler
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