



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OKLAHOMA

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Atomic Safety and Licensing Board
Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Attention: Robert M. Lazo

Dear Sirs:

The League of Women Voters of Oklahoma protests the notification procedure of the AEC hearings on proposed industrial plans in our state. Specifically we are concerned about the plan by the Kerr-McGee Corp. plan to dispose of atomic wastes in a 3,000 ft. well at their plant site near Vian, Sequoyah Co., Oklahoma. Despite the fact that the required documents are available for inspection in the Salisaw Public Library, (Sequoyah Co.) and the claims of the Kerr-McGee attorney that "people in Oklahoma are quite well aware of the project", the fact is that very few people in Oklahoma are aware of it. In all fairness the Federal Register cannot be considered sufficient notification of hearings. We should like to see the AEC become more responsive to our environmental concerns and utilize additional means of public notice.

President Nixon said in 1971 that "in the final analysis, the foundation on which environmental progress rests in our society is a responsible and informed citizenry. My confidence that our nation will meet its environmental problems in the years ahead is based in large measure on my faith in the continued vigilance of American public opinion and in the continued vitality of citizen efforts to protect and improve the environment."

Through a news story we have learned that the date for the Kerr-McGee hearing has been tentatively set for October 15 and 16. We have also learned by chance (and too late) through the Federal Register that in order to be a limited participant in the hearings a petition to intervene should have been filed by September 17, 1973. We are attaching our statement which we would have submitted earlier had we known of the deadline and hope you will give it consideration.

Very truly yours,

Melvin Arnold

Mrs. M. E. Arnold
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Ms. Karin P. Sheldon
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Dear Ms. Sheldon:

Thank you for your letter with the Federal Register notice. Through a combination of undesirable circumstances there was a delay in my receiving the letter in time to meet the September 16 deadline for participating in the Kerr-McGee hearing. We have talked with Dr. Lois Sharpe on the EQ staff of the National League office in Washington and she advised us to go ahead and send our statement and at the same time protest the inadequacy of the notification procedure. She also said that if the NRDC files suit to halt underground dumping of nuclear wastes the League of Women Voters of Oklahoma could possibly enter the suit as a friend of the court.

Please advise us what this would entail and if you would wish us to do so.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. M. E. Arnold
President

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