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NRC ORAL ARGUMENT SCHEDULED JANUARY 16 IN WEST CHICAGO PROCEEDING

The presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board has scheduled oral argument January 16, 1991, in Bethesda, MD, on motions and appeals related to a Licensing Board decision authorizing an amendment to a Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation materials license to permit permanent disposal of thorium mill tailings on the site of its West Chicago Rare Earths Facility.

Oral argument will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the NRC Public Hearing Rooms Fifth Floor, East-West Towers Building, 4350 East-West Highway.

The oral argument will encompass appeals of the intervenors in the proceeding, the State of Illinois and the City of West Chicago, from the Licensing Board decision of February 13, 1990 and related rulings; a motion of the interveners to vacate the amendment; and a motion of the interveners to terminate the proceeding in light of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's approval October 17 of an amendment to an Agreement with Illinois under which the State assumed regulatory authority over uranium and thorium mills and mill tailings.

Members of the Appeal Board are the following Administrative Judges from the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Panel: Thomas S. Moore, chairman; Christine N. Kohl and Howard A. Wilber.

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