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**FOIA/PA REQUEST**

Case No: 2001-0181  
Date Rec'd: 3-15-01  
Action Off: Brown  
Related Case: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: **Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Ms. Reed:

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act*, UCAR Carbon Company Inc. (UCAR) hereby requests any information retained by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) pertaining to contracts, agreements, or other authorization, either direct or indirect (i.e., through contracts, agreements, or authorizations with other commercial entities), for work performed by, for, or on behalf of the Department of Energy (DOE), Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), Manhattan Engineering Division (MED), Department of Defense (DOD), other government entity, or agents thereof, at the former Union Carbide Corporation facility in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Information pertaining to this site is provided below to aid the NRC in its search for such records.

**Former Site Owner:** Union Carbide Corporation

**Current Site Owner:** UCAR Carbon Company Inc.

**Location:** Highway 43 South  
Lawrenceburg, Tennessee

**Former Licenses:** AEC No. SMB-720 (Terminated)  
NRC No. SNM-724 (Terminated 1974)  
TN No. S-5002-H3 (Terminated 1975)

**Former Operations:** Licensed operations involving radioactive material were conducted from 1963 until 1968 or 1969, at which time licensed operations ceased. The NRC and State of Tennessee radioactive materials licenses remained in effect until 1974 and 1975, respectively. Licensed operations are believed to have included

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the development and production of graphite-coated uranium-thorium carbide particles and graphite-matrix fuel elements.

**Licensed Materials:** Licensed radioactive materials included highly enriched uranium (enrichments up to 94% U-235), depleted uranium, and thorium.

**Key Words [In regards to the Lawrenceburg, TN facility only]** "Union Carbide"; "Lawrenceburg, Tennessee"; "high and/or highly enriched uranium"; "U-235"; "NRC license"; "nuclear fuel"; "uranium processing"; "Westinghouse"; "government contract"; "carbide particles"; "graphite matrix fuel".

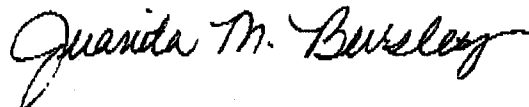
**Government Contract(s):** Unknown.

UCAR requests that you also forward this FOIA request to any other NRC Field Offices that may have such records.

We have also attached a copy of the response received from the Department of Energy (DOE) concerning a similar FOIA request made to their office on December 6, 2000. In this letter, there is a reference to an AEC Staff Paper 74/47, dated 12/8/64, a document that the DOE transferred to NRC when the AEC was abolished in 1974. Please provide a copy of this document, as well as any other responsive documents in NRC files matching the requested search.

We would be pleased to meet with you and/or your staff to discuss any aspect of this request. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions, comments, or require any additional information. My telephone number is (216) 676-2175 and my email address is [Juanita.Bursley@UCAR.com](mailto:Juanita.Bursley@UCAR.com).

Sincerely,



Juanita M. Bursley  
Corporate Environmental Protection Manager

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Washington, DC 20585

March 8, 2001

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Re: FOIA Request No. F2001-00012

Dear Ms. Bursley:

This is in further response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552. You asked for documents that relate to contracts, agreements, or other authorization for work performed at the former Union Carbide Corporation facility in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, in the 1960s and 1970s.

The request was assigned to the History Division in the Office of the Executive Secretariat and the Office of Environmental Management at DOE Headquarters to conduct a search of their files. Those offices were the Headquarters offices most reasonably expected to have documents that are responsive to your request. The searches, however, did not locate any documents that are responsive to the request. Therefore, pursuant to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.4(d), I am unable to provide any responsive documents.

Mr. James Fiore, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Site Closure in the Office of Environmental Management, is responsible for the determination by his office that no responsive documents exist. I am responsible for the determination that no responsive documents exist in the History Division.

You may challenge the adequacy of these searches for responsive documents by submitting a written appeal to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, at the U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0107. You should submit the appeal within 30 calendar days of receipt of this determination. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. The appeal must contain all the elements required by 10 CFR 1004.8. Judicial review will thereafter be available (1) in the District of Columbia; (2) in the district where you reside; (3) in the district where you have your principal place of business; or (4) in the district where the DOE records are located.

During the search for responsive documents, the History Division identified a document that may be responsive to your request. The document is a staff paper that originated in the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), a predecessor agency of the DOE. The staff paper, however, was among documents transferred to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) when the AEC was abolished in 1974.



To request the document from the NRC, you may contact Ms. Carol Ann Reed, FOIA/Privacy Act Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer, NRC, at Mail Stop T6D87, Washington, DC 20555, and on (301) 415-6874. Please identify the document as AEC Staff Paper 74/47, dated December 8, 1964, Subject: Union Carbide Corporation, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, License No. SNM-724.

The above referenced number has been assigned to your request and you should refer to it in correspondence to the DOE concerning this matter. If you have questions about the processing of your request, you may contact Ms. Joan Ogbazghi of my staff on (202) 586-3595.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you.

Sincerely,

Abel Lopez, Director  
FOIA/Privacy Act Division  
Office of The Executive Secretariat