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FROM : Rodney L. Southwick, Asst. Director *RS*  
for Public Information Service

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR  
CURTISS WRIGHT

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Attention: Louis Flax

Attached for your approval and/or comment is a draft public announcement on proposed issuance of a permit to Curtiss Wright Corporation for construction of a research reactor. This is intended as an attachment to your memorandum on this subject to the General Manager.

By copy of this memo we are asking the Divisions and Offices listed below to send us their concurrence.

Attachment:  
Subj. Draft Announcement

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AEC PROPOSES TO ISSUE PERMIT TO CURTISS WRIGHT  
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF POOL-TYPE RESEARCH REACTOR

The Atomic Energy Commission has given notice of proposed issuance of a permit to Curtiss Wright Corporation for construction of a pool-type research reactor at Quehanna, Pennsylvania.

The reactor is to be housed in the Radioactive Materials Laboratory Building on the company's 51,000-acre tract. Operating at a power level of 1,000 kilowatts, the reactor is to be used for an experimental program including shielding studies, reactor component and instrument development, investigation of radiation damage, neutron physics and isotope production. Estimated cost of the facility is \$2,470,549.

The earliest date for completion of the reactor is June 1, 1957; the latest date December 31, 1957. Upon completion of the facility and the filing by the company of a safeguards report giving reasonable assurance that the reactor can be operated on the proposed site without endangering the health and safety of the public, the permit will be converted into a 20-year operating license.

Notice of proposed issuance of the construction permit will be published in the Federal Register on \_\_\_\_\_, 1957. The permit will be issued unless within 15 days of that date a request for a hearing is filed with the Commission.