

Curtis A. Nelson, Director
Division of Inspection

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DEC 29 1959

E. L. Price, Director
Division of Licensing and Regulation

and

**REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED DISCHARGE OF RADIOACTIVE
MATERIAL INTO MOSQUITO CREEK, CA.**

Reference is made to your memorandum of December 24, 1959, subject as above in response to our memorandum of December 21, 1959 in which we requested an investigation of a formal complaint by Mr. Tom McKinney, Mosquito Creek Sportsmen's Association which was referred to AEC by Mr. Ross Laffler, Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

While your memorandum states that the Curtiss-Wright Nuclear Research and Development Center located near this stream has been inspected and ^{is} in compliance with AEC regulations with respect to discharge of radioactivity, your memorandum does not provide information on which we can base a reply to Mr. McKinney. Mr. McKinney has stated in his letter of December 3, 1959 to Mr. Laffler that confidential information has come to him from several people concerning the discharge of water into Mosquito Creek from atomic energy activities and he desires to give this information to an AEC representative. A letter was sent to Mr. McKinney on December 21, 1959 informing him that a representative of the Atomic Energy Commission would be in contact with him to discuss the matter. A copy of the letter to Mr. McKinney was transmitted to Mr. Laffler. Both of these letters were concurred in by the Division of Inspection.

It is therefore requested that a representative of the Division of Inspection contact Mr. McKinney to determine the basis of his complaint so that we may reply to him and Mr. Laffler of the Department of the Interior.

CC: Mr. Finn, AEC

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