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Memorandum for: Press Liaison Officer

Subject: PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF ISSUANCE OF OPERATION LICENSE TO CURTISS-WRIGHT

Attached for your information is a public announcement of proposed issuance of a license to Curtiss-Wright for operation of a research reactor near Quehanna, Pennsylvania.

Notice of the proposed issuance will be filed with the Federal Register on Friday, April 11, 1958. We plan to distribute the announcement on that day for immediate use by the public media.

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Attachment

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AEC PROPOSES TO ISSUE OPERATING LICENSE TO CURTISS-WRIGHT FOR RESEARCH REACTOR

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

A permit for construction of the reactor was issued by the Commission in May, 1957. The facility, operated at a power level of 1,000 kilowatts (heat), is housed in the company's Radioactive Materials Laboratory on a 51,000-acre tract near Quehanna. 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.

Notice of proposed issuance of the operating license will be published in the Federal Register on April 12, 1958. A 20-year operating license will be issued unless within 15 days after that date a request for a hearing is filed with the Commission.

A proposed form of license and an analysis by the Commission Staff of the principal safety factors considered during review of the application are available at the Commission's Public Document Room at 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. These documents are available upon request to the Commission's Division of Information Services or the Public Document Room.

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