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 Dr. William Reindollar of Md. State Dept.
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Memorandum

TO : Martin B. Biles, Hazards Evaluation Branch, Div. of Licensing & Regulation DATE: February 5, 1960

FROM : Joseph A. Lieberman, Chief, Environmental & Sanitary Engineering Br., Div. of Reactor Development

SUBJECT: PEACH BOTTOM REACTOR SITE

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On Thursday, February 4, 1960, Dr. William Reindollar of the Maryland State Department of Health and his associate, Mr. Art Johnson, visited me to discuss their interest in the environmental aspects of the proposed reactor of the Philadelphia Electric Company to be located some 5 miles north of the Maryland State line in Pennsylvania. Because of the proximity of the proposed reactor to the State line and its relationship to water supplies in the State of Maryland, etc., they are logically concerned with this facility. They were specifically interested in discussing the proposed pre-operational environmental background survey that the Company proposes to carry out in the area under contract with the Nuclear Science and Engineering Company of Pittsburgh. They had a very general outline of this proposed survey which I discussed with them. In general the scope of the survey seemed satisfactory although there were some specific points that were suggested for further consideration; for example, additional details on location and types of samples to be collected, possible isotopic analysis of specific samples and other points of a similar nature.

During the course of our discussions, I noted that the AEC had received a document submitted by the Philadelphia Electric Company that evaluated the environmental aspects of the proposed site. They were unaware of the existence of such a document. They did not take the time to do more than record the title of the report and glanced very briefly at certain sections of it. When I determined from you that the application for the construction of this reactor had not yet been received from Philadelphia Electric and, therefore, the site evaluation report was not yet a public document, I made this point clear to them and at the same time indicated that from my standpoint, I could see no objection to their having a copy of this report or access to it. I also pointed out to Dr. Reindollar your indication that any communication received from the Maryland State Health Department in this regard would require that AEC get some sort of release

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from the Company since this was not a public document at this time. I further suggested that it would probably be more satisfactory from the standpoint of maintaining proper relationships with the Company if they (the Maryland State Department of Health) got in touch directly with the Company with regard to requesting a copy of this report. They concurred in this suggestion. They also noted that they had one meeting with representatives of the Company and their consultants, but that little detailed information of the kind they felt was required by them was discussed. They also pointed out that a meeting with the State Health Department of Pennsylvania was proposed for the near future for co-ordinated discussion of this proposed project.

This afternoon Dr. Reindollar called me on the telephone and said that he had a telephone conversation with a Mr. Jack Allen (?) of the Philadelphia Electric Company, the gist of which was that he was reluctant to make available a copy of this report to the State Health Department. He was apparently also reluctant to have the State Health Department communicate with the AEC in this regard. I reiterated my previous statement to Dr. Reindollar; namely, that I could see no reason why they should not have access to this information but that as you had pointed out, since this was not a public document, if a request was made of AEC that some release from the Company likely would be required. In other words, technically I could see no objection, but administratively the fact that this was not yet a public document might raise some question. This seemed to satisfy Dr. Reindollar who indicated that he was going to talk again with Mr. Allen on the phone. There was also some mention made of having the State Health Officer communicate with Company management in this regard.