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Dr. Peter A. Morris, Asst. Director for Reactors, CO:HQ	DATE	NUCLEAR METALS, INC., AND ENGELHARD INDUSTRIES REPORTS ✓
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Division of Compliance

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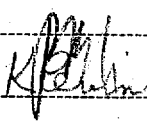
J. R. Sears, Reactors Specialist
Region I, Division of Compliance

D. E. MAKEPEACE, DIVISION OF ENGELHARD INDUSTRIES

No items of noncompliance were observed during this
visit to D. E. Makepeace.

Operations are being performed according to detailed
written procedures. In our judgment, there was negli-
gible risk to the health and safety of the public in these
operations at the time of the visit, and there is rea-
sonable assurance that the level of risk will not increase
during the completion of the current jobs.

Enclosure:
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OFFICE ▶	COMPLIANCE					
SURNAME ▶	SEARS:am	KIRKMAN				
DATE ▶	6/13/62					

I. Scope of Visit

A visit was made to the Fuel Fabrication facility of the D. E. Makepeace Division of Englehard Industries on April 25, 1962 by John R. Sears and Paul B. Klevin, Inspectors of the Division of Compliance. The purpose of Mr. Sears' visit was to inspect the operation for possible criticality hazards. A visit included a tour of the facility, observation of equipment and storage facilities and discussions with the following: Mr. Norton Weiss, Health Physics Manager and Criticality Engineer, and Mr. A. Canham, Plant Manager.

II. Results of Visit

The D. E. Makepeace Division of Englehard Industries is phasing out of the nuclear fuel fabrication business. They are accepting no new orders for fuel fabrication, and at the present time there is a handful of people employed at the plant. There are only two operations in process. One of these operations consists of concentrating pickle bath solutions before these solutions are sent out for reprocessing, and the second operation consists in oxidizing some scrap from an Enrico Fermi job. Mr. Canham stated that the organization still has a six month warranty period on its contracts for the fabrication of the Enrico Fermi Fuel. Thus, it still employs on its staff a mechanic who can straighten bent fuel elements or do some welding on a final assembly.

At the end of the Enrico Fermi fabrication job there were on hand approximately 629 kgs of fuel alloy consisting of 10% uranium molybdenum in which the uranium was enriched to 26%. Mr. Weiss stated that it is planned to oxidize this scrap to make it more amenable to further reprocessing. This oxidation is proceeding in a furnace in which approximately 5 kgs are placed at a time and an oxygen lance is fed into the furnace to furnish the gas for oxidation. The burning of the Enrico Fermi scrap is proceeding on a two-shift-a-day basis. Approximately 15 kgs are handled on each shift. Mr. Weiss stated that about 218 runs will be necessary to finish this job and at the time of the inspection 120 had been completed. It is scheduled that the job will be completed by the end of May, 1962.

The inspectors toured the facility and observed the furnace in which the scrap is being oxidized. They also observed the storage vault in which the scrap is stored both before and after the burning. The inspectors interrogated the vault custodian who weighs out and lays out the material for the off-shift operator to burn. It appeared to the inspector that the procedure used was adequate to insure that the operator would not inadvertently assemble a critical mass. A maximum of 5 kgs is placed in each can and three cans will be left out for the operator on the 4 - 12 shift. It was also observed by the inspectors that there was a detailed written procedure available at the furnace for the use of the operator. This procedure did spell out the step-by-step operations for the process.

The only other job which the Makepeace/^{Division} is doing in its fuel fabrication plant at this present time consists of evaporating solutions which are presently contained in 55 gallon drums. These

are solutions from acid baths. Records have been kept of the total amount of U-235 in each drum. The evaporation is performed in an open tank which is surrounded by strip heaters. During the day shift the solution is kept at approximately 250° F, and at night the solution is kept at approximately 200° F. 50 gallons are boiled down to approximately 25 gallons, and the limit has been established of 400 grams of U-235 in the final 25 gallons of solution. The size of the container used for the evaporation process is such that the liquid from no more than one 55 gallon drum could fit in the container at a time. The container is completely emptied after each evaporation process. It was observed by the inspectors that in this area, too, there were detailed written procedures available for the operators to follow in performing the evaporation.

April 18, 1962

GENERAL NOTICE

Evaporation of Enriched Pickle Solution

The evaporation of enriched pickle solution has been set up in the cleaning room in the Hot Roll area. It is important that the simple instructions contained in this letter are carried out carefully and accurately.

Responsibilities are assigned below:

(a) Overall

George Maciel, assisted by Chet Lis.

(b) Shifts

1. 1st Shift - Mr. Peter McGeough (Accountability man)
2. 2nd Shift - Mr. Burt Chalmers (Uranium burning program)
3. 3rd Shift - Mr. William Shea (Guard)

Each man will be expected to do the following on the shift assigned to him (in addition to his normal work) as shown above.

1. Check tank hourly to insure there are no leaks in the tank.
2. From 11:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. the temperature of the solution is to be 200° F. From 7:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. temperature is to be 250° F. Mr. Chalmers will reduce temperature to 200° F. each night before going home. Mr. McGeough will raise temperature to 250° F. each morning.
3. When checking condition of the tank, and temperature of solutions, a check will be made to insure that the ventilating system is working properly. This can be done by observing the exhausting of the fumes from the tank. If the ventilation system is not functioning properly, all of the power should be shut off by pulling down the handle on the master switch, located on the outside wall of the Pickle Room. After shutting off power, report incident to the Guard.

NOTE: If a leak should develop in the tank, the following procedure should be followed:

- A. Put on rubber gloves and face shield.

Average 200 gms U²³⁵

400 gms maximum

*Contains from 2 gms. to 4 gms/l max
(Lift up)*

B. Drain off acid into the plastic bucket located under the tank and transfer solution, using funnel, into the empty poly-lined 55 gal. drum located in the evaporation area.

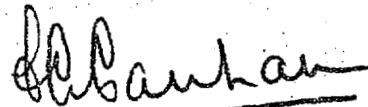
C. Extreme caution should be used.

In addition to the hourly checks, Mr. McGeough will supply solution and ready these solutions for pumping into the tank. Mr. Chalmers will make certain that the tank is full (1" from top of tank) before leaving for home each evening.

MR. SHEA will shut off master switch as in Line 3 above, and the switches to the exhaust fans before leaving the plant on Saturday morning.

Mr. Chalmers will be instructed on how the above is to be carried out, and in turn will instruct Mr. Shea at 11:00 P.M. on April 18, 1962.

The duration of the above program will be about five (5) to six (6) weeks, completing approximately end of May.



C. A. Canham
Plant Manager

CAC:pmr

Distribution

Mr. J. Drew
Mr. P. McGeough
Mr. B. Chalmers
Mr. W. Shea

Mr. N. Weiss
Mr. E. O'Neill
Mr. C. Lis
Mr. J. Keenan

Mr. G. Maciel
Mr. J. Nickerson
Mr. J. Bell
Mr. W. Mittendorf

INSPECTION NOTES

Inspector PB Klein - Sec

Approved by AME

LICENSEE: Engelhart Ind. (DE MAKE Peace Div)

Lic. No. SNM 185 - SUB 1

Type Inspection: (I) (RI) (Announced) (Unannounced)

Date April 24 1962

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Inspection on: 10 CFR (20) (30) (31) (40) (70)

B. Persons Accompanying:

Name

Position/Organization

1. None

2. _____

C. Persons Contacted: (inc. name, title, rad duties, reports to)

1. C. A. Canham - Plant Mgr

Experience: For new British Naval Officer - Schooled at Br. NAV Academy
Nuclear Business since last inspection Dec 19 1960

2. Norton M. Weiss - Circularity & H.P. - same as in Dec
Ins.

Experience: _____

3. _____

Experience: _____

For person(s) acting as RSO summarize authority: _____

D. Radiation Safety Comm. (Yes) (No). Meetings _____

Minutes _____

Members, 1. _____

Position & _____

Who report 2. _____

to. _____

3. _____

Scope &
Authority
of
Committee

E. Organization and Administration:

1. Summary of U&A and Program (as pertains to lic. materials)
 11. Organization and Procedures

As noted in the prior report, DEM is a Division of Engelhard Industries, Inc., and F. Mittendorf, General Manager, is still in charge of the two Engelhard Industries divisions, one of which is the nuclear facility located in Plainville, Massachusetts. Mittendorf does not maintain his office at the nuclear plant but at the non-nuclear facility in Attleboro. He also spends time in the Newark office of Engelhard Industries, Inc.

Mr. C. A. Canham is Plant Manager, replacing G. H. Barney. Barney at present is the Engineering Manager. However, according to Canham, Barney is leaving the employ of DEM the first of the year, and Mr. Schalte will replace him as Engineering Manager. John H. Durant is Business Manager. Norton M. Weiss is Health and Safety Manager. Weiss reports to Canham. All of the other aforementioned individuals report to the General Manager.

Canham stated that approximately 150 to 200 people are employed at the Plainville plant. Approximately 50% of these comprise the office and technical staff.

only personnel
 Weiss
 Canham
 & Secy's
 C. best act
 2. material control
 3. acct's
 4. prod. work

F. Facilities & Uses of Byproduct/Source /Special Nuclear Material

I. Isotopes:

Material/Form	Lic. Limit	Qty on Hand	Qty/Assay	Supplier	Use/rate/quantity
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Material on Hand	957 Kgs	contained U-235 10% Enriched alloy 10% Molybdenum			
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PRDC
 Materials

to be burned in a furnace with an oxygen lance to convert metal to VO_2

5 Kgs/run 3 runs/shift
 15 Kg/shift 2 shifts/day

65% burnup - mill to size

Have performed 120 runs to date. have 2 to do - Expect to complete work by May 30 1962

2. Persons using Material(s): (inc.: name, title, duties, training, experience)

(a) 4 production workers

Note Fuel Production Operations Stopped on Oct 11 1961

(b) see attached sheet
 (c)

left up

March 26, 1962

HEALTH & SAFETY PROGRAM

URANIUM OXIDATION AND PREPARATION

1. Loading and Unloading Furnace

- a) Respirators must be worn whenever furnace is unloaded.
- b) Air samples will be taken at mouth of furnace to check for airborne activity.
- c) Smear samples will be taken daily in the furnace and preparation areas and also adjoining areas to prevent the spread of contamination.

2. Ball Milling and Sieving Operations

- a) Transfer of material from trays to ball mill jars will be done in vented hoods in the melting area using gloves.
- b) Transfer of material from ball mill jars to sieves and the actual sieving operations must be done in vented hoods utilizing glove ports.
- c) No material is to be removed from hoods unless it is in a sealed container which has been thoroughly wiped with a clean damp cloth.
- d) Air samples will be taken at hoods (breathing zone) while operations are in process to check effectiveness of exhaust system.

3. General Procedures

- a) The entire work area involved in burning and further preparation will be roped off and considered as a restricted area.
- b) All persons working or entering the area are required to wear protective clothing - coveralls, shop coats, shoes, rubbers, and film badges.
- c) Urine samples will be taken from personnel working on any of these operations to check for internal exposure to uranium.


N. M. Weiss, Health & Safety Mgr.


C. A. Canham, Plant Manager

F. 3. Facilities:

Licensee uses: () Lab (☒) Counting room (☒) Fume hood () Dry box
(☒) Table/bench () remote hand. equip. (☒) protective clothing
() other _____

Describe checked items: _____

*Doing burning operation only within
production area*

Inventory

No source material on hand

*957 Kg U @ 25.6%. Enrichment Scrap
contains 245 Kg U²³⁵*

*260 Kg U @ 25.6%. Enrichment in
drum form awaiting instructions from PRDC as to
transfer*

4. Restricted Area Established ☒ Describe _____

Yes Entire Production area

5. Summary of Handling Procedures/Operations:

See sheet back of Page 2

6. Instrumentation & Calibration Procedures:

See page 6 of notes

7. Other Notes: for radiographer occupancy factors, exposure times, time spent in high radiation area

n/a

G. Radiation Safety Precautions & Procedures (Summary of Scope)

Radiological Health and Safety

Instructions, oral & written:

A. Organization

Norton M. Weiss reported that he is Criticality Engineer and Health Physics Supervisor, and that he is responsible for nuclear health, safety and criticality. Weiss added that, in addition to these responsibilities, he has responsibility for security, fire and general plant safety.

Weiss stated that he has had an assistant since April, 1960. Ray Hiffley, his assistant, is a 1958 graduate of Providence College, where he majored in physics. Hiffley stated that he has received on-the-job training in health physics from Weiss, and that he is not involved in nuclear criticality.

Only Weiss available at Plant 2-3/week
Weiss reported that Hazel Bussey, a laboratory technician discussed under item 12A, is responsible for counting, and air, water and smear samples.

Ed Bolton, Health Physics Technician, works on the fabrication floor area and, according to Weiss, is responsible for taking air surveys, making ventilation system checks, conducting direct radiation surveys, monitoring, and smearing incoming and outgoing shipment containers.

(a) *1 M 4 Production employees does laundry of clothing*
Records Available *(left up)*

unrestricted areas

Yes

1961
1962
Urine
2 1/2
Hgt - 25 1/2

A review of the urine sample results maintained by Weiss indicated the maximum urine sample found during March 31, 1960 (samples analyzed by NSE) to be 39 ug U per liter. This sample was found for a Mr. Hebert, Plant Foreman. A sample submitted by Hebert and analyzed September 30, 1960 showed a uranium in urine concentration of less than 1 ug U per liter.

It was noted that most of the urine samples analyzed on March 31 by NSE were much higher than those reported by Controls for Radiation in two subsequent periods, namely July 1 and September 30, 1960. For example, the melting operator, Cloutier, showed a uranium in urine concentration of 37 ug U per liter on March 31, 5 ug U per liter on July 1, and 1.2 ug U per liter on September 30. Other personnel performing the operations noted above, in which urine samples are obtained, showed similar decreases of uranium in urine concentrations from the March 31 report by NSE. The highest uranium in urine concentration found in the September 30 series, analyzed by ConRad, showed 8.6 ug U per liter. The majority of the uranium in urine concentrations for other personnel ranged between 1 to 2 ug U per liter.

3. Locking/securing of areas:

D. Personnel Monitoring and Air Surveys

A biweekly film badge program is still in effect for all employees working in restricted areas. The total number of personnel under the film badge service has increased from 40 to 125. Weiss reported that for the period beginning December 12, 1960, he started using Controls for Radiation film badges on a biweekly basis instead of continuing the service of Nucleonic Corporation of America, Brooklyn, New York. He said he was using Controls for Radiation since they were much closer to his facility, and he did not find any fault with the previous film badge supplier.

The following discussion covers the exposure of an individual in the furnace melt area. The operations performed by the furnace melt operators involve their melting of both depleted and enriched uranium (25.6% enriched uranium).

Weiss stated that he continues to maintain 13 week, 26 week, 39 week and 52 week records of film badge totals. A review of the 1960 film badge records indicated that one employee, a melter named Everett Bodwell, received fairly high beta exposures. A record of Bodwell's film badge exposures in mrad from January 9, 1960 through November 13, 1960 follows:

Two hands
left skin
whole body
Skin
P. m. 8000
3/6-3/14 1150 f-15
2nd half - 0 -
max 40
Whole body
1961 off
1962 0

Bodwell
Cloutier
Skin exposure
not included
May 4 & 10 letter

Left up

I. Storage & Security of Material

(~~U~~) restricted Area (~~U~~) locked space Summary:

In vault - spacing OK

b

(a) Liquid Wastes

Liquid wastes from the plant are treated through a series of three hold-up tanks and are then released to a septic tank system. Weiss reiterated as he had in the previous inspection that he uses 7×10^{-6} uc/ml as the level to be released to the unrestricted area.

2×10^{-5}

The records maintained by Weiss show the amount of gallons, total volume, the dpm per liter, uc/ml $\times 10^{-6}$, uc/gallon $\times 10^{-6}$, and total uc in a tank. From the period January 4 to December 3, 1960, a total of 11,391 uc was delivered to the tanks. Two water samples taken from the lake behind the plant to check seepage showed approximately $.15 \times 10^{-6}$ uc U/ml.

Jan-Dec 1961 - total 17,637.05 uc
highest daily release 1.89 μg $\times 10^{-5}$
aver .16 μg $\times 10^{-5}$

leach pits
see notes
send memo

(b) Solid Wastes

Weiss stated that no solid wastes have been disposed to date. He said that he has contacted Oak Ridge in order to ship waste materials to their burial ground. He added that waste materials ~~should be~~ sent to Oak Ridge ~~by the end of the year~~.

4. Incineration No

K. (✓) Posting of Areas -CRA CHRA CRM CARA

(✓) Labeling Containers CRM Tagging Sources

(✓) AEC-3 posted & where: at Entrance to restricted area

Summary: _____

16. Instrumentation

In addition to the instrumentation reported in the previous inspection, Weiss reported that a Technical Associates Juno and Cutie Pie, and an NNC P-3 proportional counter have been procured and are available for use. He also added that he has ~~ordered~~ one Eberline alpha proportional counter and one Nuclear-Chicago 2610.

17. Fire, General Safety and Security

no fire
battalion
rely on
Plainville

No change occurred since the previous inspection except that the Plainville fire chief had been visited and given literature which was supplied by Mr. J. Macnamara of the Chicago Operations Office. ~~In addition, Weiss stated that he is setting up a fire brigade.~~ no Fire Brigade. Rely on Plainville

E. SURVEY PROBLEMS

(1) Smears

Weiss reported that smear samples are taken over a one square foot area approximately every day at 40 different locations within the restricted and clean areas. He stated that when a high reading is obtained, Health Physics notifies the janitors to decontaminate. Weiss has set tentative contamination levels in both the restricted and clean areas. He said that he uses a level of 100 alpha dpm/ft² in the restricted areas and 10 alpha dpm/ft² for the clean areas. He reported that any smear samples taken in the aforementioned areas which exceed these tentative standards are immediately cleaned up.

A review of the records maintained on smears indicated that the smear samples in the clean area ranged from 0 to 48 alpha dpm/ft², and that levels from 28 to 1000 alpha dpm/ft² were found in the restricted areas. The highest sample, 1000 alpha dpm, found on the floor of the abrasive wheel, was decontaminated to 24 alpha dpm/ft². Records indicated that the highest sample was found on May 6, 1960. After decontamination, 24 alpha dpm/ft² was found on May 7.

At the vacuum annealing furnace on March 8, 1960, a smear of 912 alpha dpm/ft² was found. This was decontaminated, and on March 9, a level of 140 alpha dpm was found.

(2) Incineration and Air Surveys

Weiss reported, and records indicate, that on March 3, April 7 and 8, June 16, 23 and 30, August 22 and 26, September 8 and 14, October 14, 17, 18 and 19, and November 2, 3, 11 and 15, air samples were taken within the licensee's own enclosure approximately 100' from the stack. These samples recorded on the sample record sheet showed ranges of air sample concentrations from .07 to 1.64 x 10⁻¹¹ uc U/ml. According to Weiss, the waste materials (wipes, etc.) contained minute quantities of enriched uranium as well as depleted and natural uranium.

When asked what concentrations were found outside of the restricted plant grounds, Weiss replied that he had not conducted any air samples outside the restricted plant area. He agreed that no evaluation had been made or air samples collected down wind from the incinerator outside the plant grounds in order to determine the radioactive concentrations which will fall out as a result of incineration.

Clean Chem Lab
10/20/61 7785 dpm/B
10/29 16
Polech
metals
dpm/B
7341
900
450
180
42

Candy machine 77
#45 office 100
Coff 116
table 65
drop. area
assembly 120
chain 103
Bunch top 55-175
170
met lab 35.00
Chem Lab Hood
67
Candy desk 200
F.L.
General Handover

4/1/61 40 x 10⁻⁷ Kure
185 Being cleaned
4/1 7.1 4 hrs
3/9 30.6
5/11 9.09
25
0.9
8/24 78.5
9/1 .89
11/16-21 14
12
1.1
1.03

D.W.G. prom
100% of MAE
Centerline

Incinerator
operated only in
Aug 4 Sept 1961

stack sample
35 x 10⁻¹¹
2.2
2
Boundary downwind
42
1.04 .8
discontinued

restricted
5000 ft
500 -



controls for radiation INC.

130 ALEWIFE BROOK PARKWAY • CAMBRIDGE 40 • MASSACHUSETTS

UNIVERSITY 4-8280

November 8, 1961

Mr. Norton Weiss
Engelhard Industries, Inc.
D. E. Makepeace Division
Pine and Dunham Streets
Attleboro, Mass.

Dear Mr. Weiss:

The following are the results of the wipe test swabs returned to us on October 23, 1961.

<u>Sample No.</u>	<u>result in uc of Co⁶⁰</u>
1	0.00
2	0.00
3	0.00
4	2.3×10^{-5}

The instrument used to count these swabs was a Harshaw Sodium Iodide crystal connected to a Tracerlab Versamatic II scaler. The results indicate that the contamination on the outside of the source is well below the maximum permissible amount of 0.05 uc allowed by the AEC.

If there are any questions regarding this report or if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

James Epstein, Head
Radiological Safety Dept.

JE:nl

D. E. V. allepeace

2/25/62

no source material

957 Kg U @ 25.6% enrichment
scraps, etc.

245 Kg U²³⁵

260 Kg U @ 25.6% are
in Derby for
awaiting instructions
from PRDC as
to transfer

8/9/61 - letter from W. Taylor

① Pumped out April 19 1961 (14000 gal)

② Pumped out Aug 14-15

477.9 µC U

pumped in N. Attleboro sewerage treatment
plant

14000 gal - 192 µC

7000 gal 9.826

Work load decreased. & volume of water
in treatment plant decreased

Installed High water alarm - no overflow since
Aug. 15.

Fuel Prod. Units
operation
stopped
Oct 11 1961

Leak test
20. Only done Oct 23 1961

20.5216-1

I samples. 000. to $2.3 \times 10^{-5} \mu C$

awaiting leak test kit from Controls
for radiation. Send for kit last week

CRH - 8/6.

Air Sample Current UO₂ Process

~~to 7~~ range from 25% to 50%
few 1 high, one is 7 MAC

519 d/m/m³

384

670

aver. 20% MAC

$\frac{3}{21.0}$
 $\frac{1.17}{1.17}$

Carbon

Intend to make an announcement of going out
of Nuclear Business after Aug 8th —

Have given 6 month warranty on fuel shipped to
PRDC

Inspected 80K
50% 200 fuel cores checked
100% 100 IPR } depleted
50 200 ORB }

Open

PRDC

Contained in

629 Kgs alloy 10% Mo. 26% enriched.

Kgs to be burned .800

Burning in furnace with an oxygen lance

5 Kgs/run

3 runs/shift

2 shifts/day

15 Kgs/shift

65% burnup

Approx 218 runs to do

120 run to Date

Expect to complete work by May 30 1962

Reason for quitting Nuclear Business

lost a great deal of money & could not see any foreseeable
business gains (nuc. business) in next five years

PK
PM Klevin
Eber R. Price, Assistant Director
Division of Licensing and Regulation

MAY 11 1962
sl

Leo Dubinski, Assistant Director for Materials
Division of Compliance

Original Signed by
Leo Dubinski

ENGELHARD INDUSTRIES, INC., ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS;
LICENSE NO. SMM-185 AND SUB-172 - ALLEGED DEFICIENCIES
IN WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

CO:EGO

On September 22 and October 9, 1961, we transmitted information to L&R from Region I, Division of Compliance, with regard to subject matter. Attached is a copy of a memorandum dated May 7, 1962, in which Region I reports further on this situation.

The memorandum indicates that the deficiencies in the licensee's waste disposal system apparently have been corrected. We believe that no further inquiry of this matter is necessary.

Also attached are copies of Form AEC-591 relative to the inspection by Region I of subject licenses.

Attachments:

1. Cpy memo dtd 5/7/62
fm CO:I
2. Cyps (2) Form AEC-591

cc: R. W. Kirkman, CO:I, w/o

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DIV. OF COMPLIANCE
MAY 11 1962
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Leo Dubinski, Assistant Director for
Materials, Division of Compliance, HQ

MAY 7 1962

Robert W. Kirkman, Director
Region I, Division of Compliance

ENGELHARD INDUSTRIES, INC., ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS,
LICENSE NOS. SNM-185 (DOCKET 70-139) AND SUB-172 -
ALLEGED DEFICIENCIES IN WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM (OUR
MEMO DATED 10/3/61)

CO:I:PEK

During the course of a regularly scheduled in-
spection of the licensee's facilities on April
25, 1962, a review of the subject matter was
made.

Mr. Norton M. Weiss, Health & Safety Manager,
reported that the Division of Sanitary Engineering,
Commonwealth of Massachusetts had made several
inspections of the waste disposal system since
August 1961 and that they are satisfied with the
disposal system. Weiss reported that he had
installed a high water alarm as per recommendations
from the State in August 1961. He reported that
no overflow of the leaking pits occurred since
that time and that the high water alarm has never
been actuated.

Records of disposals to the leaking pit areas were
reviewed. The records indicated that a total of
17,637 uc U was released to the pits during the
period January 1 to December 31, 1961. The highest
daily release was found to be 1.89×10^{-5} uc/l
and the average, 0.6×10^{-5} uc/l. These waste
disposal records were well documented in the
H. P. files.

Weiss reported that on April 29, 1961 one of the
pits was pumped out and a total of 14,000 gallons
of liquid effluent containing 477.9 uc U was
released into the north Attleboro sewerage

OFFICE ▶	COMPLIANCE				
SURNAME ▶	KLEVIN, Jm	KIRKMAN			
DATE ▶	5/7/62				

treatment plant system. On August 14-15, a total of 17,000 gallons of liquid waste containing a total of 201.8 uc U was similarly discharged. No other similar discharges from the pits were made to date.

Both C. A. Canham, Plant Manager, and Norton Weiss reported that fuel production operations ceased at the facility on October 11, 1961 and, therefore, the amount of contaminated liquid wastes flowing into the hold up tanks have been greatly reduced. In addition, the plant personnel have been decreased from 200 to 11 personnel. Of the eleven plant personnel, only 5 persons require shower facilities and that their work clothing be laundered periodically. Therefore, the major problem of laundry detergents and lint causing blockage and eventual overflow of waste waters from the pits has been minimized. Canham stated that Engelhard does not contemplate any future work involving nuclear materials other than their present operation which involves the burning of U metal to UO_2 . This is the operation that this five production workers are and will be involved in.

No further action will be taken by this office relative to the waste disposal system.

Transmitted herewith are clear inspection report forms, AEC-591, for License Nos. SNM-185 and SUB-172.

Enclosure:

4 cys - 591 Form

2 cys - DL&R