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Mr. Harold Price
Director of Regulations
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.


Dear Harold:

I thought you might be interested in the attached copy of a letter from Clarence Klassen, Chief Sanitary Engineer, Illinois Department of Public Health to James G. Terrill, Jr., Deputy Chief, Division of Radiological Health, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

I trust that the comments in the second paragraph will not be misunderstood. Mr. Klassen's statement obviously refers only to the absence of any need to conduct further evaluations of Dresden Unit 1 because of the extensive surveillance of the Dresden environs which has borne out earlier evaluations.

As you know, Mr. Klassen is completely versant with AEC's responsibilities respecting evaluation of environmental hazards and, as his next to last paragraph indicates, he is well aware of the proposed addition of Unit 2 at Dresden. In fact, in order to keep him abreast of the AEC evaluation proceedings respecting Unit 2 we have furnished Mr. Klassen with copies of the Unit 2 Plant Design and Analysis Report, including the environmental studies filed with the AEC on April 15, 1965.

Very truly yours,


Arthur C. Gehr

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June 21, 1965

Mr. James G. Terrill, Jr.
Deputy Chief
Division of Radiological Health
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Jim:

I was sorry to miss you in Washington last week and I wanted to discuss this matter of an environmental survey at Dresden, the subject of the May 10 letter of Mr. David E. Dernhardt.

We had not anticipated any further evaluation of that site and it is my understanding that AEC likewise does not anticipate any further environmental evaluation of hazards; that is, hazards to the environment. Quite frankly, we question the necessity of this, particularly in view of the fact that over the past several years the area has been under surveillance through a monitoring program carried on by this Department, the Dresden nuclear power group, and a third agency employed by the Dresden organization.

If there was anything to be gained from such a survey as you are suggesting, we, of course, would be glad to participate in it but until we are convinced of the necessity we just do not have staff time available to participate in this particular survey which appears to be purely for gathering environmental information.

I feel certain that if the Public Health Service has any questions regarding the potential hazards because of Dresden 2 that Commonwealth Edison and this Department would be glad to furnish the answers to any specific questions.

This is the substance of the remarks that I had planned to discuss with you, and if you have any particular questions or additional comments, please feel free to write or call me.

Sincerely,

Clarence L. ...
Chief Sanitary Engineer

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