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SUBJECT: Discusses DES re use of 2,4,5-T weed control agent in rights-of-way. Study of coal & u fuel cycles should include indirect effect of mining on landscape.

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Operation of Susquehanna Steam
Electric Station, PA

Dear Mr. Regan:

Our Milwaukee Office has forwarded this Statement to us for review and comment, as National Forest lands are not involved.

The proposed use of 2,4,5-T as a weed control agent in rights-of-way is illegal following the emergency order by EPA suspending use of 2,4,5-T on forests rights-of-way, and pastures (Federal Register Vol. 44, page 15874, March 15, 1979). We believe a discussion of alternative weed-control methods should be included in the Final Statement. Formulations of ammonium sulfamate, dicamba or bromacil could be considered.

Discussion of the coal and uranium fuel cycles should include the indirect effect of mining on the landscape. This effect is becoming more severe as the more productive sites are exhausted and more digging is needed for every ton of fuel.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this Statement.

Sincerely,

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