

Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20555

April 21, 1980

RE: Conflicts of Interest Relating to the preparation
of an Environmental Impact Statement for proposed
Westinghouse nuclear fuel fabrication facility by
employees of Union-Carbide
Docket No. 70-2909

Dear Sir:

As you know, Westinghouse Electric Corporation proposes to
build a nuclear fuel fabrication facility in Prattville, Alabama.
Westinghouse has, of course, applied for a license to utilize
special nuclear material. The Commission, therefore, must prepare
an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to its licensing
procedure.

On March 27, 1980, at a scoping hearing held in Prattville,
Alabama, the announcement was made that the Commission had entered
a contract with Oak Ridge Laboratory to prepare the EIS. Discussions
with the persons introduced as the people who would actually prepare
the EIS revealed that they were actually employees of Union-Carbide.
Of course Union-Carbide is extensively engaged in mining uranium
and in the low enrichment process. The proposed facility in Prattville
would use UF⁶ prepared by Union-Carbide.

Title 42, United States Code, Section 2210(a) provides that the
Commission "shall, by rule, require any person proposing to enter a
contract, agreement, or other arrangement...for the conduct of
research, development, evaluation activities or for other technical...
services to provide the Commission...with all relevant information"
bearing on conflicts of interest. Certainly the contract providing
for Union-Carbide employees to prepare an EIS for a facility
which would constitute a large market for Union-Carbide falls
within this section.

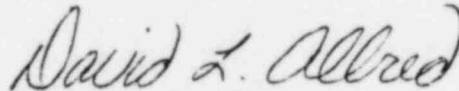


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Please send me a copy of the conflicts of interest statement submitted to the Commission by Oak Ridge Laboratory and/or Union Carbide concerning the above-described situation. Thank you for your immediate attention to this request.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David L. Allred".

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