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Mr. William A. Nixon Uranium Fuel Licensing Branch U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 2055

RE: Docket No. 40-2061

Dear Mr. Nixon:

Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation requests an amendment to License Nc. STA-583 to permit the installation of an incinerator to reduce the volume of combustible waste at its West Chicago, Illinois Facility. The incinerator will be equipped with effluent cleaning equipment previously approved by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (formerly AEC) for use with a similar batch type incinerator at the Kerr-McGee Nuclear Corporation's Uranium Fuel Plant, License No. SNM-928.

Installation of the equipment described in this application will result in a significant reduction of the volume of thorium contaminated material to be disposed of by burial. Reduction of volume will (a) contain and concentrate the natural thorium contamination of the combustible waste and (b) reduce the traffic during site reclamation and hence reduce the risk of accident during highway transportation. These benefits can be achieved without adversely impacting the environment nor increasing the risk to public safety. A detailed description of the planned installation is attached.

The amendment application fee is attached. If additional or more detailed information is required, please let us know.

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