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Mr. William Nixon
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Dear Mr. Nixon:

Through discussions with our Regional Office in Chicago, our office understands that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is preparing an E.I.S. for the decommissioning of the Kerr-McGee site in West Chicago, Illinois, and that you are manager for this project. A number of problems associated with that site have come to our attention. They include the Kress Creek contamination, the use of waste sands as fill material off site, and the leachng of radioactive material from the disposal area to groundwater.

EPA has authority under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to take enforcement action where a situation may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to health. In order to determine whether EPA action is necessary with respect to the off site problems associated with the Kerr-McGee site, we would like to know more about the E.I.S. being prepared. Specifically, would you please inform us if the E.I.S. will address these off site impacts, and if yes, in what manner will it do so?

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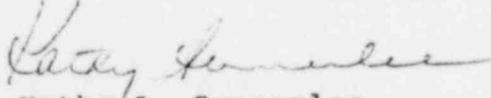
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I would very much appreciate a response at your earliest convenience. To save time in responding, I encourage you to call Mr. Andrew Jackson, an Attorney/Advisor in the Radiation Enforcement group. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,



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