



Re: License No. STA-583 Docket No. 40-2061

Dear Mr. Nixon:

Kerr-McGee is continuing work at its West Chicago facility under Phase I-A of the Stabilization Plan submitted to NRC on August 15, 1979. On March 28, 1980, Kerr-McGee submitted a letter requesting approval to dismantle Building No. 1. This request is still under review.

We now request approval to proceed with dismantling Building No. 3 and its auxiliary structures are identified on the attached property plan. The work would be conducted as described in the Stabilization Plan except for two points:

- Water used in the dust abatement system will be contained using existing floor trenches in the area of Building No. 3 and stored in available tanks. Otherwise, the water will be treated as described in the Plan.
- 2. Building rubble that is designated in the Stabilization Plan to be contained at the Disposal Site would be stored in other factory buildings and the floor would remain in place to control erosion. Following approval of a Stabilization Plan, the floor will be removed and all material stored in factory buildings will be disposed of in accordance with the Stabilization Plan.

The Company requests approval to proceed with dismantling of this building for the following reasons:

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Mr. William A. Nixon Page Two March 25, 1981 - Approximately two years ago, a portion of Building No. 3 collapsed and allowed debris to fall into the street. - The building has continued to deteriorate and another collapse is possible. - A Structural Engineer from Region III, NRC inspected the building recently and was concerned about its poor condition. - In a meeting with Carl Paperiello and others at the Glen Ellyn NRC office on March 18, 1981, we were encouraged to proceed with seeking approval to dismantle Building No. 3 in the near future for safety reasons. - Proceeding with this work now would not prejudice review of any of the disposal alternatives under consideration by NRC. In view of the condition and the need to work through Building No. 3 in order to work on Building No. 1, we would proceed to remove Building No. 3 prior to Building No. 1 provided that your office approves this action. Please let me know if you have additional questions. W. S. Shelley Vige-President Maclear Licensing and Regulation WJS/ses

