

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 29, 1990

Mr. Carlton Kanmerer
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Congressional Affairs
1717 H Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Kanmerer:

Enclosed is correspondence I received from my constituent,
Ms. Ann Nordengren, concerning the Kerr McGee Company.

I would appreciate your looking into this matter and advising
Deidre Christenson, staff assistant in my Chicago office, of
your findings as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

My best wishes.

Cordially,



Paul Simon
U.S. Senator

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Senator Paul Simon
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Simon,

It is my understanding that in March the Nuclear Regulatory Commission may be making a decision as to whether the Kerr McGee Company will be allowed to bury on site the radioactive materials from the operation of the plant on the West Chicago property. As a West Chicago resident, I am concerned in two ways: from a health standpoint and as a property owner.

As to the health concern, there was some information given me by an alderman a few years ago that the materials are of a low radioactive nature and this radioactivity is such that it couldn't pass through a solid barrier. This discussion occurred when there was talk of encapsulating the material above ground. Now we seem to be thinking in terms of below ground encapsulation. Either way it seems like a very risky thing, if seepage should occur and contamination of ground water might result.

Secondly, I am concerned about the value of my property. Having radioactive material permanently entombed within the heart of a town is a stigma on that town's name. I certainly would not buy property here if I were given the choice now.

Please look into this matter as soon as possible. If ever a town needed help, ours does.

Yours truly,

Ann Nordengren

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