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Dear Secretary of the Commission,

I am writing to you concerning the proposed disposal of Thorium tailings at the site in West Chicago, Illinois. As you know, there are thousands of people vehemently opposed to this most irresponsible decision made by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. In case you forgot to renew your own guidelines, let me refresh your memory. The site would be in the middle of a residential neighborhood. There are homes literally "across the street". There are SEVEN (7) schools within 1/2 mile of the site. It would sit right on top of a major water aquifer for northeast Illinois. There are no layers of rock - only sand - which provides little or no filtering effect. The mound would be about 40 feet high and cover about 20 acres. This would definitely be susceptible to wind and rain which would cause erosion.

I can see Kerr Mc Gee's only reason for supporting this decision is strictly financial which is not a morally good reason at all. I quote from the Daily Journal, April 1, 90 from Tom Mc Daniel, senior vice president of Kerr Mc Gee. "When it comes down to being popular in DuPage County or making money for stockholders, I'll choose the stockholders." Kerr Mc Gee says they want to be "our good neighbors". Would you want good neighbors like them? I truly hope not and neither do the residents of West Chicago. They are not worried about neighbors - all they are worried about is money which they make millions of each year. They can never replace the health and safety of thousands of people now and in the generations to come. How many more Karen Silkwoods does there have to be before somebody holds them responsible for their actions?

I hope the people of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board have a hard time sleeping at night regarding the six moral and unethical decision they made in this issue

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— Tom McDaniel, senior vice president of Kerr-McGee, on the company's plan to bury radioactive waste in West Chicago.

"GOOD NEIGHBORS" LIKE THIS ARE A DANGER TO ANYONE.

I know I do because I worry about the health and safety of our 2 sons - Thomas - age 8 and Michael - age 6 who attend one of the schools in the area. We also live within 1/2 mile of the proposed site.

Look in your hearts and search your conscience (hopefully you have one). I would hope you would find a solution that is morally, ethically and environmentally responsible. Our community, Aurora, children along with our health and safety cannot afford to be compromised in regards to this issue.

Please give this most important issue your attention.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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P.S. You are most welcome to come to our community and view for yourself the area which surrounds the proposed site.

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