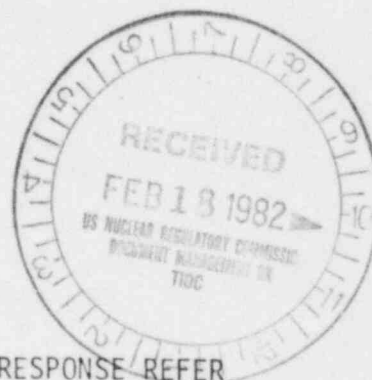




UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

February 16, 1982



Dr. Robert Nelson
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IN RESPONSE REFER
TO FOIA-82-11

Dear Dr. Nelson:

This is in response to your letter dated January 3, 1982, in which you requested, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, documents regarding the disposal of radioactive wastes on the property of the Veterans Administration (VA) in West Los Angeles.

Appendix A is a listing of documents which were found to be responsive to items 1 through 8 of your request. These documents are enclosed.

In regard to item 9, there were no responses to the May 14, 1981, letter you reference. The material transmitted to Region V was for information purposes only.

All documents from our files relating to radioactive wastes at the VA are being supplied to you. These documents cover everything associated with item 10 of your request.

In item 11 you refer to the maps of the burial areas for radwaste at the VA. These maps are included throughout our response to items 1 thru 5, and 7.

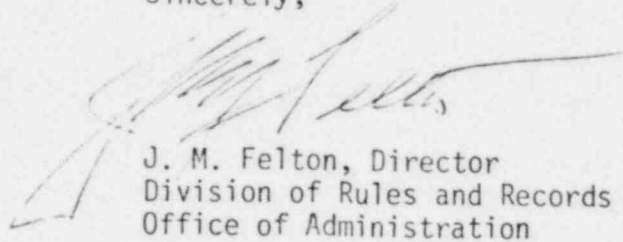
The files of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) only go back to the establishment of the regulatory function in the old Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), which took place in the 1950's. Prior to that time, the control of radioactive materials was under the jurisdiction of the General Manager of the AEC. This function is presently in the Department of Energy (DOE). If there was any use of materials at the VA Hospital prior to our involvement, DOE may have the information you are seeking. We suggest you contact them directly.

As agreed, you will bear the reproduction costs for your request. The charge for reproducing the enclosed 540 pages at five cents (\$0.05) per page, as specified in 10 CFR 9.14(b), is \$27.00. You will be billed for this amount by our Division of Accounting.

Should you have further questions regarding your request, please contact Nina Toms of my staff at (301) 492-8133.

This completes NRC's action on your request.

Sincerely,



J. M. Felton, Director
Division of Rules and Records
Office of Administration

Enclosures: As stated

Appendix A

1. Copies of Burial Logs, 1960 - 1968 (41 pages)
2. Letter from F. H. Johnson, GSA, to Director of Licensing and Regulations, October 22, 1969, with attachments (13 pages)
3. Letter from W. K. Anderson to Ms. C. Harris, September 19, 1979, attaching maps (4 pages)
4. Letter from Neal Gantz, to Steve Takakashi, May 2, 1980, with enclosure (map) (5 pages)
5. Letter from W. MacPherson to Neal Gantz, May 30, 1980 (2 pages)
6. Letter from K. Fess to Neal Gantz, June 5, 1980 (1 page)
7. Excerpt from I-125 Log (1 page)
8. Letter from P. Guth, to Secretary of the Commission (NRC), November 6, 1980 (1 page)
9. Year-end I-125 Inventory, December 31, 1980 (1 page)
10. Letter from Alan Sieroty to J. Ward, March 6, 1981 (2 pages)
11. Letter from W. K. Anderson to H. E. Book, April 15, 1981 (1 page)
12. Letter from Beverlee A. Myers to A. Sieroty, April 22, 1981 (1 page)
13. Letter from F. W. Sanders to M. Braude, April 28, 1981 (2 pages)
14. Letter from J. O. Ward to D. Kunihiro, April 30, 1981 (1 page)
15. Memo to L. Higginbotham to Vandy Miller, May 1, 1981 (6 pages)
16. Letter from J. Shaffran-Brandt to H. E. Book, May 14, 1981 (1 page)
17. Memo from L. W. Wetterau to Radioisotope Users, May 18, 1981 (3 pages)
18. I&E Inspection Report 81-02, May 20, 1981 (6 pages)
19. Map (1 page)
20. Radiation Safety Program Manual, June 1981 (30 pages)

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21. Letter from W. H. Bland, to Larry Camper, June 4, 1981 (3 pages)
22. Letter from L. W. Wetterau to Larry Camper, June 12, 1981 (5 pages)
23. Memo from L. W. Wetterau to Radioisotope Users, June 16, 1981 (1 page)
24. Memo from An-Liang Soong to Vandy Miller, July 14, 1981 (14 pages)
25. Evaluation of Waste Burial Area to VA Hospital, August 5, 1981 (2 pages)
26. Memo to V. Miller to L. Higginbotham, August 6, 1981 (1 page)
27. Letter to V. Miller to W. K. Anderson, August 6, 1981 (1 page)
28. Letter from A. Beilenson, to R. Cunningham, September 14, 1981^{vi} (1 page)
29. Inventory, September 30, 1981 (1 page)
30. Memo from L. W. Wetterau to Chairman, Medical Radioisotope Committee, November 16, 1981 (4 pages)
31. I&E Inspection Report, December 16-18, 1981 (18 pages)
32. Independent Survey Data (1 page)
33. Sample Identification, December 17, 1981 (2 pages)
34. Letter from L. W. Wetterau to David Skov, December 22, 1981 (2 pages)
35. Radiowaste Handling Procedures for VA Wadsworth Medical Center (6 pages)
36. Safety Hazard Notes (4 pages)
37. Western Regional Meeting Abstracts (1 page)
38. Telephone Note (3 pages)
39. By-Product Material Licenses March 1956 thru July 30, 1981 (63 pages)
40. I&E Inspection Reports, May 1960 - December 1980 (241 pages)

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41. Regulations in effect in the 1950's on Standards for Protection Against Radiation, January 25, 1957 (37 pages)
42. Atomic Energy - Title 10 (2 pages)
43. Extracted pages from the Federal Register, January 29, 1957 (4 pages)

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