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W.R.GRACE & CO., DAVISON CHEMICAL DIVISION
CHARLES & BALTIMORE STREETS, BALTIMORE, MD. 21203 ■ 301: 727-3900

December 17, 1974

Mr. Bernard Singer, Chief
Materials Licensing
United States Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Attention: Mr. Buchanan

Re: License STA-422

Dear Mr. Singer:

We have applied for a Release of Facilities for our property in Wayne Township, New Jersey (see my letter of October 30, 1974). This Release has been held up because of a citation issued July 17, 1964, for improper burial of radioactive wastes. These wastes were dug up and reburied properly according to IOCFR20 but, unfortunately, no notice was sent to the AEC at that time that the reburial had taken place. Presumably the reason for this oversight was that Mr. Richard Mandle, Plant Manager, was at that time in the process of transferring to Electronucleonics, at that time another part of the Davison Division of W. R. Grace & Co.

I have located Mr. Peter J. Garino, who was health physicist for Grace at the time of the citation and the correction of the improper burial, and Mr. John J. Baum, excavation contractor, whose brother, Norman Baum, actually did the reburial. They have voluntarily signed statements to the effect that this correction was made. I am enclosing the original and two copies of their notarized statements, hoping that these will suffice to expedite processing of our application for Release of Facilities. Needless to say, we are most anxious to have this effected before the end of the year.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If I can do anything further to help our application along, please call me. I'll be in the office through December 20 and at home December 23 and 24. My home phone number is (301) 997-8286.

Very truly yours,

E. L. Mobley
Supervisor
Environmental Control

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cc: Headquarters Regulatory Operations
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545
Attn: Mr. Thornberg

Compliance Division
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
Attn: Mr. Nelson

*Mr. Nelson - I have attached as indicated
in your memo, please to indicate by the name
to Messrs. Thornberg and Buchanan. I believe
all three of you are in concurrence that this
procedure is satisfactory, if the samples appear
OK.*

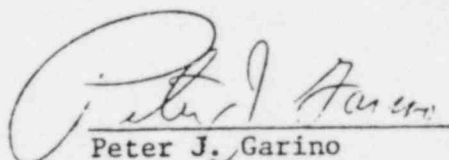
*I called Fred Decker & informed him
the affidavits were sufficient for AEC
purposes FRW*

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I, Peter J. Garino, make the following statement concerning one facet of my activities as health physicist for W. R. Grace & Co., Wayne, N. J., during the 1960-1966 period.

It was brought to my attention during 1964 that the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) was issuing a point of non-compliance to the Grace facility located at 868 Black Oak Ridge Road, Wayne, N. J., for making a burial of radioactive waste somewhat irregularly. Specifically, the waste was buried in too large a trench. Accordingly, after citing, I recall reburial in accord with the exact requirement. This was carried out by an independent contractor known as John J. Baum, Inc. The work was done by Mr. N. Baum and was supervised directly by Mr. Ernest Fullard under my supervision.

I wrote a draft of a letter that was used later in explaining to the AEC our intention of making future burials in the specified manner.


Peter J. Garino

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Notary Public of New Jersey
My Commission Expires April 10, 1977

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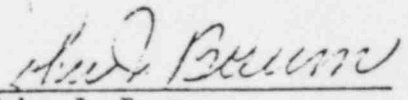
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To whom it may concern:

I, John J. Baum, have been asked to make a statement concerning burial of materials at W. R. Grace & Co., 868 Black Oak Ridge Road, Wayne, N. J.

I operate an excavating contracting business and have been employed at various intervals as required by Grace to excavate holes used for burials.

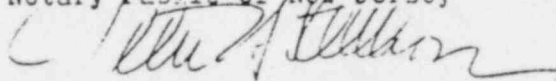
I recall the necessity to dig out and re-bury some material, as there was some problem with the size of the hole. This was done in or about 1964/1965 in accordance with instructions received at the cite.


John J. Baum

ATLANTIC COUNTY
NEW JERSEY

Sworn and subscribed to
before me this

16 day of Dec. 1974
Notary Public of New Jersey



Notary Public Of New Jersey
My Commission Expires Apr. 3, 1975
PETER STELLHORN

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