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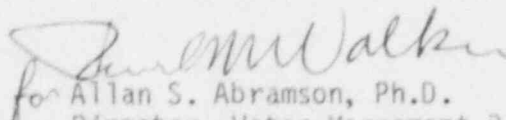
Dear Mr. Eisenhut:

Recently Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) considered a variance request made by Union Electric Company (U.E.) for their Callaway Nuclear Plant located in Callaway County, Missouri. The variance would allow U.E. to discharge solids back to the river that they have settled from water they have drawn from the Missouri River. The Regional Administrator (RA) made a preliminary determination to grant the variance request and public noticed his proposed decision in January. Significant public comment was received during the Public Notice period so the RA intends to hold a Public Hearing on his preliminary determination.

Some of the comments on the Public Notice were related to radioactive wastes and their control by NRC. We anticipate there will be some questions and comments of a general nature related to the radioactive wastes discharged from the Callaway Plant and their control and monitoring by NRC. Mike Thomas of my staff discussed some of the issues that will possibly be raised at the Hearing with Mr. Gordon Edison of your staff. Since that discussion we have been informed Mr. Charles Miller is to be our NRC contact on Callaway. This letter is to request Mr. Miller and/or any other members of your staff who might be appropriate, attend the Public Hearing in order to answer probable inquiries on NRC procedures and controls on the Callaway Plant, and to furnish input from the NRC viewpoint that might be appropriate.

The Hearing will be held in St. Louis on December 9, 1982, at 7:00p.m. The location is the St. Louis County Library Headquarters, 1640 S. Lindbergh. My staff and I are available to discuss any questions you or your staff might have concerning the Hearing. Please contact me or Mike Thomas, the member of my staff most familiar with this matter, at (816) 374-2281 (FTS 758-2281) concerning NRC plans to attend or with your questions.

Sincerely yours,


for Allan S. Abramson, Ph.D.
Director, Water Management Division

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