



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

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Docket: 50-482
License: NPF-42

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SUBJECT: DISCONTINUATION OF ROUTINE, RADIATION SURVEYS AT COFFEY COUNTY
LANDFILL

In response to your letter of February 4, 1994, regarding the
discontinuation of routine, radiation surveys at the Coffey County Landfill,
the NRC concurs with your decision, because waste is no longer sent to this
location. We have no further questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Samuel J. Collins
Samuel J. Collins, Director
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February 4, 1994

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Reference: NRC Inspection Report 87-36, dated
January 4, 1988, from L. J. Callan, NRC, to
B. D. Withers, WCNOC
Subject: Docket No. 50-482: Clarification of Activity
Described in NRC Inspection Report 87-36

Gentlemen:

This letter clarifies an activity described in the Reference. The Reference provided the results of an NRC inspection pertaining to portions of the radiation protection program. Specifically, the inspection documented that on November 9, 1987, low level radioactive material, which consisted of ventilation ductwork, had been delivered to the Coffey County Landfill from Wolf Creek Generating Station (WCGS). During a follow-up survey of the landfill, it was also discovered that a plastic trash bag containing two disposable cloths with low level contamination had been delivered to the landfill.

The Reference states that "The licensee agreed to perform radiation surveys of the landfill. The licensee also agreed to include the Coffey County landfill on their routine radiation survey schedule. The landfill will be surveyed on a weekly basis to begin with and providing no additional licensed material is found after a period may be reduced to a monthly basis."

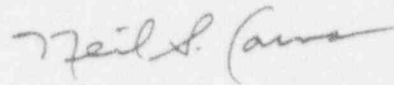
The performance of radiation surveys at the Coffey County Landfill have been discontinued. This is based on the fact that WCGS began shipping "clean" waste from the Radiological Controlled Area (RCA) to a vendor in September 1991, to be surveyed and buried in an industrial landfill. Also, no other low level radioactive material has been discovered at the landfill since the original discovery.

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The activity described in the inspection report was based on the assumption that "clean" waste from the RCA was going to be buried in the Coffey County Landfill. However, since "clean" waste from the RCA is being handled by a vendor and has not been sent to the Coffey County Landfill since September 1991, surveying of the landfill at least monthly is considered to be an unnecessary use of company resources.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (316) 364-8831, extension 4000, or Mr. Kevin J. Moles at extension 4565.

Very truly yours,



Neil S. Carns
President and
Chief Executive Officer

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