UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

KERR-McGEE CHEMICAL CORPORATION

(West Chicago Rare Earths Facility)

55 Fed. Reg. 41619 (October 12, 1990)

Docket No. 40-2061 -ML

RESPONSE OF ILLINOIS TO THE COMMISSION ORDER OF DECEMBER 7, 1990

NOW COMES the THE STATE OF ILLINOIS and the ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF NUCLEAR SAFETY, (collectively referred to as "Illinois") by and through their Attorney, Neil F. Hartigan,
Attorney General of the State of Illinois, and in response to the
Commission Order of December 7, 1990 state as follows:

It is the position of the State of Illinois that pursuant to "Amendment Number One to the Agreement Between the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the State of Illinois for Discontinuance of Certain Commission Regulatory Authority and Responsibility within the State Pursuant to Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as Amended," as well as the regulatory authority entered into in 1987, that the State has the sole power with regard to licensing, rulemaking, inspection and enforcement as to source material, special nuclear materials in quantities not sufficient to form a critical mass, Section 11e(1) and 11e(2) byproduct materials and land disposal of such radioactive materials with Illinois, except as specifically provided

otherwise in the Atomic Energy Act. For that reason, Illinois is the sole regulatory authority over the off-site lle(1) and lle(2) materials located in residential and commercial locations in DuPage County, Illinois as well as those wastes located on the Factory Site. However, Illinois has no objection to the Commission withholding action on the present hearing request until the Appeal Board he ted.

> Respectfully submitted, THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NUCLEAR SAFETY

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