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Facility: Kerr-McGee Corporation
West Chicago Facility
License No. STA 583
Oklahoma City, OK

40-2061

Licensee Emergency Classification:
____ Notification of Unusual Event
____ Alert
____ Site Area Emergency
____ General Emergency
xx Not Applicable

Subject: RALLY AT KERR-MC GEE PLANT SITE

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On November 8, 1982, Region III (Chicago) was informed by the licensee that a rally of environmental, religious and womens' groups will be held at 1 p.m. November 13 at Factory and Pomeroy Streets in West Chicago, the site of the Kerr-McGee Rare Earths Facility.

The rally, sponsored by a group calling itself the Silkwood Day Coalition, is being held to observe the eighth anniversary of the death of Karen Silkwood, and to protest the NRC's proposed plan for onsite burial of contaminated material at the Kerr-McGee plant.

The plant, vacant since 1973, contains relatively large quantities of thorium. The NRC has ordered Kerr-McGee to decommission the plant, and in a draft environmental statement earlier this year recommended that the contaminated material be buried onsite. The final environmental statement is not expected until the end of 1982.

The licensee does not plan to attend the rally.

News media interest is expected.

The State of Illinois will be notified.

This information is current as of 3 p.m. (CST), November 8, 1982.

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