

JULY 7, 1990

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
ACT REQUEST

FOIA-90-355  
Rec'd 8-6-90  
Clarification  
Rec'd 8-23-90

WHEREAS IT MAY CONCERN,

I am writing to request copies of all file entries that refer or pertain to one or all, of the following companies corporations and or manufacturers.

- U.S.
  - Thermal Tech South Carolina
  - Nu-TEC Tech New Jersey
  - American Nu-TEC New Jersey
  - Waste Chemical Corporation
- W.German
  - Nu-TEC G.M.B.H.
  - Degussa A.G.
  - Imperial Smelting

Please mail copies to Patrick J. Waldron at Box eleven Turnersburg, North Carolina 28688

I am requesting these documents under the freedom of information act.

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Dear Ms. Robinson,

Per your request for additional information regarding

FOIA-90-355

I am a volunteer researcher working for Rowan-Iredell Citizens for a Clean Environment, R.I.C.C.E. R.I.C.C.E. is opposing the siting of a chemical waste incinerator that will be operated under contract with the state of North Carolina by ThernKEM, a subsidiary of American NUKEM in New Jersey, which is in turn owned by NUKEM G.M.B.H. in West Germany.

Enclosed is a list of allegations from European press sources that we want to see investigated before ThernKEM begins operations in North Carolina.

To that end, I am collecting information in support of my request for an investigation and review of E.P.A. licenses.

Sincerely,

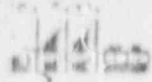


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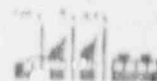
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# ThermalKEM - NUKEM

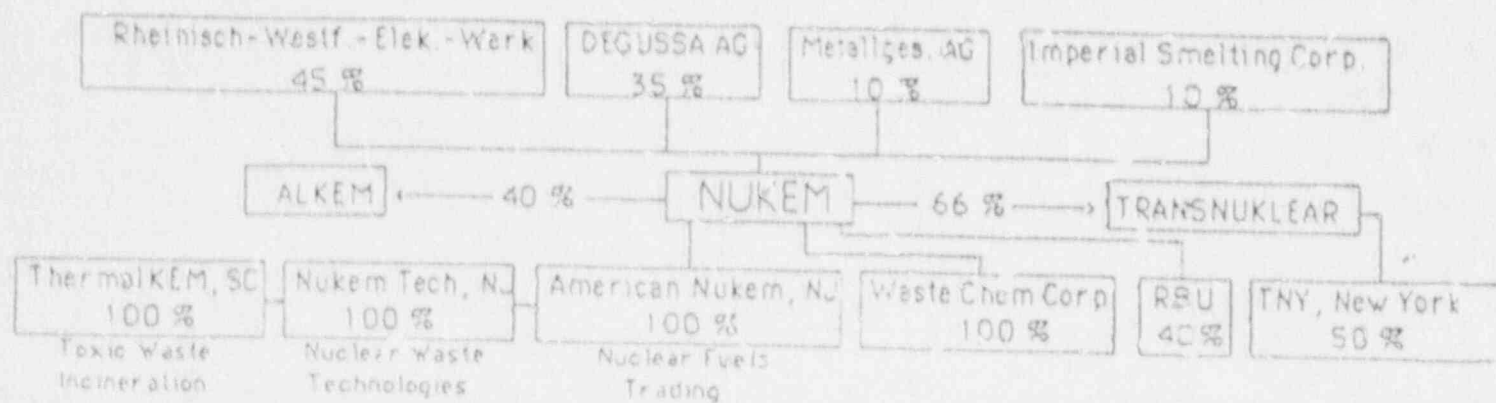


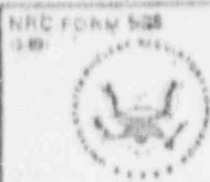
## The "german" connection

The following is a chronology of events involving NUKEM and affiliated companies as reported in the german media. Sources include: dpa, Der Spiegel, taz, Report, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung.

- mid 1980's - NUKEM supplies ultrasonic testing installations needed for NUCLEAR BOMB manufacture to South Africa
- November '85 - RBU employee dumps approx 60 000 gal uranium CONTAMINATED wastewater into public sewer system
- October 21, '86 - TRANSNUKLEAR truck has accident on Autobahn near Antwerp/Belgium. Radioactive Fluids, NOT DECLARED on shipping papers, seep into groundwater.
- August 1986 - AMERICAN NUKEM sells 2.5 million lbs of South African uranium to US company Malapa, Phoenix, AZ by SWAFFING certificate of material origin, thereby BYPASSING US trade embargo.
- January 1987 - BRIBERY scandal involving TRANSNUKLEAR and nuclear power plant operators/employees - infolds 5 Million DM, maybe 21 mill involved. Leads point to NUKEM
- February 1987 - South African uranium ends up in Soviet Union via NUKEM, even though the Soviets have issued an embargo against these materials.
- March 1987 - Plutonium contaminated uranium tablet released highly radioactive fumes, CONTAMINATING 69 NUKEM employees.
- March 1987 - ALKEM employee CONTAMINATED with radioactive burns to head and arms
- April 1987 - Preussen Elektra employee Klaus Ramcke commits SUICIDE, after accepting BRIBES from TRANSNUKLEAR.
- Fall 1987 - INTENTIONAL MISLABELING of nuclear waste materials. Plutonium shipped by TRANSNUKLEAR to West Germany for storage, instead of low level waste
- December '87 - Hans Holtz, TRANSNUKLEAR manager, commits SUICIDE, while being interrogated.
- December '87 - Environmental Minister SUSPENDS TRANSNUKLEAR license
- January 1988 - Belgian authority for radioactive waste finds 700 barrels german RADIOACTIVE WASTE MISSING at TRANSNUKLEAR subsidiary SMET JET
- January 1988 - Manfred Stephany, NUKEM president, RESIGNS. 2 remaining VP's, Peter Jelinek-Fink & Gerhard Hackstein are asked to resign by state of Hesse Minister-president. NUKEM orders FORCED RESIGNATIONS. NUKEM temporarily SHUT DOWN. All traffic entering & leaving being searched.
- January 14, '88 - Search at NUKEM turns up papers dealing with irregularities in highly enriched uranium trade. Hesse Minister-president Wallmann announces that fissionable material may have been diverted to LIBYA and PAKISTAN via NUKEM.
- January 1988 - M. STEPHANY knew of cash transfers to third companies, which were then used by TRANSNUKLEAR for BRIBERY, as early as 1983, yet when told about it, brushed off criticism. The 1989 Edition of Dunn & Bradstreet lists M. STEPHANY and P. JELINEK-FINK under NUKEM TECHNOLOGIES, Paramus, N.J., direct superiors of ThermalKEM, Rock Hill, S.C.

Prof. S. Liebmann, DEGUSSA-CEO, confirms NUKEM's SCANDAL and says that among other things its AMERICAN TOXIC WASTE INCINERATION will play an important role in the company's future. (Travemuende, West Germany, June 1988)





U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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EXPIRES 5-21-90

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FEEs FOR  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

DATE  
8-6-90

REQUESTER *Patrick Waldron*

Pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4), and the NRC's regulations, 10 CFR 9.33, 52 FR 49350, your FOIA request has been evaluated for proper categorization for payment of fees, as noted below. If the NRC estimates that fees will exceed \$25.00, the NRC will provide a statement of estimated fees in the comments section of this form or by a separate notice that will be sent to you as soon as possible, unless your FOIA request states your willingness to pay fees as high as estimated.

A request for records for a commercial use, which requires the payment of costs for search, review, and duplication of records which are responsive to your request.

A request for records for a noncommercial use by a representative of the news media, an educational or noncommercial scientific institution, or an individual who requests under the Privacy Act and the FOIA records on the individual in a Privacy Act exemption of records, which requires the payment of costs for the duplication of records responsive to your request that exceed 100 pages.

A request for records for a noncommercial use, which requires the payment of costs for search for records responsive to your request that exceed 100 hours and for duplication of disclosed records which exceed 100 pages.

Based on information in your request, the NRC categorized the request as noted above. If you disagree with the noted categorization, please telephone, within five days from the date of this notice, the NRC employee whose name and telephone number appear on the tracking/pledgment letter to notify the NRC of your disagreement with the categorization. Please provide a written explanation of your intended use of the records within 20 days from the date of this notice. If you do not telephone the NRC employee within five days, the NRC will presume that you agree with the noted categorization and will process your request in accordance with that categorization. If you disagree but do not provide a written explanation within 20 days from the date of this notice, the NRC will presume you have no further interest in the records and will close the file on your FOIA request. You may submit a new request with the necessary explanation in the future.

X Your FOIA request cannot be categorized for payment of fees because you have not provided a sufficient explanation of your intended use of the requested records. Please provide a written explanation of your intended use of the records within 20 days from the date of this notice. If the NRC does not receive a written explanation within that time, the NRC will presume that you have no further interest in the records and will close the file on your request. You may submit a new FOIA request with the necessary explanation in the future.

COMMENTS

*Please state in your response to this notice whether you are requesting the records with regard to your employment or on behalf of your employer or some other organization and the intended use of the requested records. Once we can categorize your request for applicable fees, we will be pleased to process your request. Also, I suggest that you provide clarification regarding the foreign firms, such as specific plants, dates, events, etc. Records on licenses are in NRC's Public Document Room. See enclosed notice.*

SIGNATURE - CHIEF, FOIA/LPDR BRANCH  
*Linda Robinson*