

May 25, 1955

Mr. K. E. Fields
General Manager
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT:

Westinghouse Research Reaction
(Report WJ-3)

Dear Mr. Fields:

At the Twelfth Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards on May 6, 1955, at Bettis Site, Pittsburgh, Messrs J. A. Hutcheson, Vice-President, and C. P. Stanford of the Westinghouse Research Laboratory Staff discussed the proposed Westinghouse Research Reactor and its site in an informal manner with the Committee. The proposed location is in the heart of a possible residential area and they have a problem of public relations. They wanted to discuss the matter with the Committee before making public announcement as to their plans.

RECOMMENDATION:

The site selected appears to be suitable on the basis of the type of reactor selected and the planned completely gas-tight steel enclosure. The Committee believes that a reactor and its enclosure of suitable design can be constructed along the lines outlined, but this, of course, must be reviewed specifically when sufficient design information is available.

Sincerely yours,

C. Rogers McCullough
Chairman, Advisory Committee on
Reactor Safeguards

cc: H. Price
C. R. Russell
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Price - Note: I believe that a copy of this letter or at least its intent should be forwarded to Westinghouse. I suggest J.A. Hutcheson, Vice Pres., so they are aware of the formal action of the Comm. I feel this probably should come from your office.

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