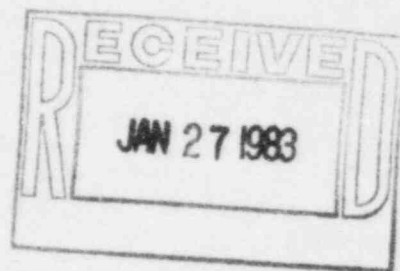


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ORION CHEMICAL COMPANY

FINE REAGENT CHEMICALS



Jan. 25, 1983

Dear Sirs:

Payment of this \$500.00 fine does not represent admission of irresponsible conduct and lack of concern for health safety. It rather represents a lack of time and means to fight the government in court, about who did the right and responsible thing at the time of conflict between the NRC regulations of 15 lbs/150 lbs per year, v.s. the continued employment of 350 people in the manufacture and fabrication of the defense weapon.

I respect the NRC and the need for regulation of health hazards, but I also maintain the safety of our product (insolubility in water-human systems, low specific activity of depleted uranium, etc.) and deny the belief that we lack respect for peoples health, responsible waste disposal, etc. Because of inflammatory words (see newspaper clipping enclosed) used by Utah public officials, and the news media hype for sensationalism, this incident was blown out of proportion, and when I applied for a business license, I ran into a buzz saw of criticism from a lot of misinformed people, thinking Orion Chemical Co. was some sort of nuclear monster and health hazard menace to society. My character was assassinated and alot of injustice was generated upon us. How does a one man company have a chance when no one regulates the regulators, watching to see if they treat people fairly (shoving the little guy around to satisfy authoritative egos), or no one checks the integrity of the news media, knowing they almost have a monopoly on public opinion molding (criticism and sensationalism). Now that this fine will be made public knowledge, the newspapers will publish it, and people will call me up asking how I got into trouble again; what am I doing that they should know about; and it will start all over again. I am glad this is all over with. I guarantee that Orion Chemical will never be subject to criticism again.

Sincerely,

John P. Larsen
John P. Larsen
Orion Chemical Company

P.S. We have now invested thousands of dollars in two fume hoods, a consultant, painting, new floors, monitoring devices, clothing, cleaning, etc.

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Notables

P.S. Earl Warren was called up the next day by a talk show in New York wanting to know how Orion Chem. Co. got hold of U235, assuming that a fissionable bomb was being made at the "plant".



The Net Effect of this article was to
 sell alot of FEAR to the public
 Thus newspapers are sold.

UTAH CENTRAL

City

Orion Chemical is shut down for spilling radioactive material

Combined AP, UPI

WE DON'T
 PROCESS
 URANIUM

OREM — A uranium processing plant in Orem has been ordered shut down because it allegedly dumped radioactive material near the laboratory and failed to protect its young employees.

NOT TRUE, BUT PRINTED ANYWAY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission temporarily suspended the license of Orion Chemical Co. to receive and handle radioactive material and gave the company 25 days to file a written answer to show cause why the license should not be permanently revoked.

"It's atrocious," said Darrell Warren, director of radiation control for the state. He said Orion "had radioactive materials on floors and countertops," and had indiscriminately disposed of material outside the building.

NOT TRUE

The NRC's order accuses Orion of refusing to make certain records available to the agency, contaminating areas outside the firm's premises, possessing more radioactive material than its license permits and keeping incomplete records.

John P. Larsen, Orion's owner, said the NRC has blown the problem out of proportion.

"I'm not a public health hazard," Larsen said. "They are making a mountain out of a mole hill. I don't think they really understand what we're doing."

Orion's headquarters at 958 N. Industrial Park Road was locked up Thursday, and nearby workers said there had not been anyone working at the plant this week. The company's telephone has been disconnected.

Warren said Orem firefighters noticed high

NOT THE WAY WE WORK

NOT WHOLE TRUTH

IS THIS FAIR AND ACCURATE?
 OR MAYBE INFLAMMATORY?

WAS IT AN ATROCITY?

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DEPLETED URANIUM LOW SPEC. ACT.

WE HAD NOT CLEANED UP AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION. WE USUALLY WERE CLEANED UP. dust levels and a noxious odor during a routine inspection of the plant Aug. 17 and they notified the state and the NRC. Warren said they inspected the plant Aug. 20 and found radiation levels in the plant to be significantly higher than background levels.

He said the seven employees — mostly college students — weren't wearing adequate protective clothing and lacked proper training. He said the main health hazard would be from inhaling or ingesting the uranium.

See ORION on B-2

I SAID TO MR. KANE I WOULD HAVE THE RECORDS IN THE MORNING.

INACCURATE NOT OUR ADDRESS OLD BLDG VACATED 2YRS EARLIER

THEY WERE WORKING 1 DAY NOT REGULARLY EMPLOYED.

