



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I
631 PARK AVENUE
KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19406

Docket No. 40-00086 .

APR 8 1992

License No. STA-422

MEMORANDUM FOR: Ronald C. Haynes, Regional Administrator *RC*
FROM: James H. Joyner, Chief, Technical Programs Branch
SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED RADIATION SURVEYS ALONG
SHEFFIELD BROOK AND W. R. GRACE AND COMPANY,
WAYNE, NEW JERSEY

I recommend that we send the enclosed letter to the individuals who own property along the Sheffield Brook, to notify them of our proposed surveys and obtain their permission to perform surveys on their property.

James H. Joyner
James H. Joyner, Chief
Technical Programs Branch

Enclosure: As Stated

cc w/encl:
Public Document Room (PDR)
Nuclear Safety Information Center (NSIC)



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Dear

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is reviewing the status of a number of manufacturing facilities around the country which were formerly licensed by the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). As you may know, a number of the facilities in northern New Jersey which used radioactive material in the 1940's and 1950's were later found to have residual onsite and/or offsite contamination. One of the facilities which was licensed by the AEC was Rare Earths, Incorporated, located at 868 Black Oak Ridge Road in Wayne, New Jersey. This company was licensed to extract thorium, a naturally-occurring radioactive material, from monazite sand. In 1957 these activities were taken over by the Davison Chemical Division of W. R. Grace and Company. A summary of the historical background of this facility is enclosed for your information.

To assist with our review of the W. R. Grace and Company facility, the State of New Jersey arranged for an aerial radiological survey of the area surrounding it in May, 1981. The survey was performed by EG&G, Inc. a contractor of the U. S. Department of Energy.

Our review of the results of the aerial survey indicates slightly elevated radiation levels along the Sheffield Brook. However, ground level surveys performed by inspectors from this office have shown no radiation levels above background along Black Oak Ridge Road, Pompton Plains Crossing Road, Farmingdale Road, Deerfield Road or Longport Road. Analysis of water samples from Sheffield Brook has shown no measurable radioactive contamination. The radiation levels measured by the aerial survey appear to be coming primarily from the overgrown area around the Brook. Although these radiation levels do not pose any immediate hazard to the health and safety of individuals living near or frequenting the areas around the stream, additional surveys and evaluations seem appropriate. The results of these surveys will be used to determine if additional actions are required.

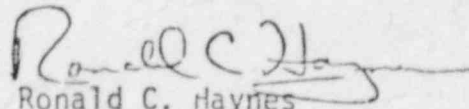
We have arranged for an NRC contractor, Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU), to perform these additional surveys. The surveys of the area around the Brook will involve walking across the ground to measure surface radiation levels, and collecting surface and subsurface soil samples. The subsurface soil samples will be collected using a hand carried, motor operated drill which makes a 5" to 7" diameter hole about 2 to 3 feet deep, which afterward will be filled in. The surveys will be performed primarily in the Brook and in the weeded area along the banks of the Brook, although measurements of surface radiation levels will be made in other areas, as well. The NRC contractor will not enter houses or buildings on properties included in this survey. The survey results will be made public.

The Township of Wayne has identified you as an owner of private property along Sheffield Brook. (Block No.). We request your permission to have the contractor, ORAU, perform radiological surveys of the type described in this letter on your property. The surveys will probably be performed during the last two weeks in April, depending on the weather and scheduling of other work. Please sign the enclosed permission form and return it in the enclosed envelope.

A representative of this office will visit you during the week of April 12, 1982, to answer questions you may have about the survey. If you wish to arrange a special time for our representative to visit you or if you have immediate questions, you may call this office collect, and speak to Ms. Myu Campbell (215-337-5246) or Mr. John Kinneman (215-337-5252).

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,


Ronald C. Haynes
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. Permission Form
2. Historical Background
3. Return Envelope

PERMISSION

I give permission to employees, contractor personnel, and agents of the U. S. Department of Energy and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to perform a radiological survey on the property described below. I understand that this may involve disturbing some underbrush and vegetation, and will include drilling a few holes in the ground as described in the NRC letter dated _____, which transmitted this form. My restrictions on this permission are listed below.

Property Description:

Property Identified as Block _____
Lot _____

Restrictions:

Name

Signature by owner(s) of property
or authorized representative

Address

Telephone

W. R. Grace and Company
Historical Background

In approximately 1948, Rare Earths, Inc. began processing monazite sand at Pompton Plains, New Jersey, to extract thorium and rare earth elements. The work may have been conducted under contract with the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). In 1954 the AEC issued a license authorizing the possession, transfer and use of source material (thorium) by Rare Earths, Inc. at this site. In 1957 this activity was taken over by the Davison Chemical Division of W. R. Grace and Company. The processing of monazite sand at this location ceased in 1971. The processing produced large quantities of wastes containing residual thorium. In 1974, W. R. Grace and Company hired a consultant to decontaminate the site to meet AEC criteria for release for unrestricted use. These criteria required that average radiation levels on the ground be less than 0.2 millirem per hour and maximum levels be less than 1 millirem per hour and that removable alpha contamination in the buildings not exceed 1000 disintegrations per minute (dpm) per 100 square centimeters. The facility was released by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, which was established in 1974 to succeed the AEC) for unrestricted use on January 22, 1975, following a confirmatory survey. Documents supplied by W. R. Grace and Company in support of their request for release indicated that 1600 pounds of materials slightly contaminated with thorium were buried on the site in 1974 and that 19,000 pounds of thorium had previously been buried on the site.

In August 1980, the NRC requested that its Regional offices review specified formerly licensed facilities, including the W. R. Grace and Company (Rare Earths) facility in Wayne (Pompton Plains), New Jersey, to determine whether they met current criteria for unrestricted use.

In January 1981, an inspector from the NRC Region I office in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, accompanied by a representative of the New Jersey Bureau of Radiation Protection, conducted a survey of the Rare Earths property. Based on measurements made at the site and analyses of soil samples in the NRC Region I Laboratory, it was concluded that surface soil contamination levels greater than current (1981) criteria for release for unrestricted use, and elevated radiation levels in excess of current criteria, exist on the site. These contamination and radiation levels do not presently result in a hazard to the health and safety of persons working at or living near the site. Further surveys and evaluations are scheduled for the summer of 1982. On September 10, 1981, an NRC inspector surveyed the interior of all buildings at the site and found that the buildings met current criteria for release for unrestricted use.

On May 25, 1981, an aerial radiological survey of this facility and the surrounding area was conducted by EG&G, Inc., at the request of the State of New Jersey.

The aerial survey identified one offsite area west of the site that exhibited radiation readings higher than normal background radiation levels. On November 23, 1981, a preliminary ground survey was performed by an NRC Region I inspector in this offsite area. The survey found normal background radiation levels in most areas, but radiation levels up to 0.2 millirem per hour were found in one area along Sheffield Brook which runs from the W. R. Grace and Company property towards the Pompton River. Background in this area of New Jersey is affected by the presence of natural uranium deposits, but averages about 0.02 millirem per hour or less. While radiation levels of the magnitude discussed above present no immediate hazard, more extensive surveys in the offsite area will be conducted in the spring of 1982 by Oak Ridge Associated Universities under contract with the NRC's Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

Louis A. Molinari 76 Deerfield Road Wayne, New Jersey 07470	Block No. 591C/21
Timothy and Pauline Van Oudenaren 80 Deerfield Road Wayne, New Jersey 07470	Block No. 591C/21
Barbara Passaro 84 Deerfield Road Wayne, New Jersey 07470	Block No. 591C/22
Paul and Jeanette Makus 88 Deerfield Road Wayne, New Jersey 07470	Block No. 591C/23
John and Katherine Kennedy 92 Deerfield Road Wayne, New Jersey 07470	Block No. 591C/24
John and Margaret Trangone 96 Deerfield Road Wayne, New Jersey 07470	Block No. 591C/25
Edward and Vera Lenik 100 Deerfield Road Wayne, New Jersey 07470	Block No. 591C/26
Roy and Lena Slater 104 Deerfield Road Wayne, New Jersey 07470	Block No. 591C/27
William and Mary Laveack 108 Deerfield Road Wayne, New Jersey 07470	Block No. 591C/28
Michael and Yolanda Morano 112 Deerfield Road Wayne, New Jersey 07470	Block No. 591C/29
Ruth Baum 125 Pompton Plains Crossing Road Wayne, New Jersey 07470	Block Nos. 591C/35 and 591C/31
Doris Knapp 97 Pompton Plains Crossing Road Wayne, New Jersey 07470	Block No. 591C/36

J. V. Casman
Smith Road, R.D. #1
Denville, New Jersey 07834

Block No. 591C/37

Michael and Jane DeNike
21 Pompton Plains Crossing Road
Wayne, New Jersey 07470

Block No. 591C/45

Morton Realty, Inc.
861 Black Oak Ridge Road
Wayne, New Jersey 07470

Block No. 591C/47

SGL Industries
76 Euclid Avenue
Haddonfield, New Jersey 08033

Block No. 591C/50

Township of Wayne
475 Valley Road
Wayne, New Jersey 07470

Block Nos. 5915/6 and
590/1

591C/50

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De Nike, Michael & Jane COLFAX

21 Pompton Pl CR

Wayne, N.J. 07470

" /37

Casman, J. V.

Smith Rd RD=1

Denville, N.J. 07834

" /36

Knapp, Dawn

97 Pompton Pl CR

Wayne, NJ 07470

" /35

Baum, Ruth

125 Pompton Pls CR

Wayne, NJ 07470

" /31

Baum, Ruth

same

" /20

Molinari, Louis A

76 Deerfield Rd

Wayne NJ 07470

" /21

VAN OudenAREN, Timothy - Pauline

80 Deerfield Rd

Wayne NJ 07470

" /22

PASSARO, BARBARA

24 Deerfield Rd

- 591C / 23 MAKUS, Paul - Jennette
88 Deerfield Rd
Wayne, NJ 07470
- " / 24 Kennedy, John - Katherine
92 Deerfield Rd
- " / 25 TRANQUON, John - MARGARET
- 96 Deerfield Rd
Wayne, NJ 07470
- " / 26 LENIK, Edward - Vera
100 Deerfield Rd
Wayne, NJ 07470
- " / 27 SLATER, Roy - LENA
104 Deerfield Rd
Wayne, NJ 07470
- " / 28 LAVEACK JR., William - MARY
108 Deerfield Rd
Wayne, NJ 07470
- " / 29 MORANO, Michael - Yolanda
112 Deerfield Rd
Wayne, NJ 07470
- 591J / 6 Township of Wayne.
475 Valley Rd, WAYNE, 07470
- 590 / 1. Township of Wayne.
475 Valley Rd, Wayne 07470
North Jersey Dist Water Supply Comm
WANAUKE, N.J

PERMISSION

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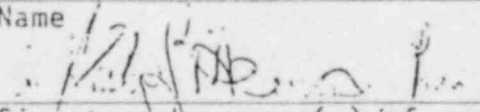
Property Description:

Property Identified as Block 591C/47
Lot _____

Restrictions:

Morton Realty, Inc. _____

Name


Signature by owner(s) of property
or authorized representative

861 Black Oak Ridge Road _____

Address

Wayne, New Jersey 07470 _____

Telephone

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Property Identified as Block 591C/37
Lot _____

Restrictions:

1. The property owner, Elsa M. Cosman, be held harmless from any claims, demands or suits by reason of personal injuries or property damage arising from the activities of the U.S. Department of Energy or U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, their agents or employees, including contractor personnel.

2. Any disturbance of any surface conditions beyond that described in the text of the permission granted above be restored.

3. That any damaged conditions created by test holes or otherwise be restored or clearly marked.

~~J. V. Casman~~ Elsa M. Cosman
Name _____

Elsa M. Cosman
Signature by owner(s) of property

or authorized representative

Smith Road, R.D. #1
Address _____

Denville, New Jersey 07834

Telephone _____

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Property Description:

Property Identified as Block 591C/22
Lot _____

Restrictions:

Barbara Passaro
Name _____

Barbara L. Passaro (Passaro)
Signature by owner(s) of property
or authorized representative

Address _____

84 Deerfield Road _____

Wayne, New Jersey 07470 _____

Telephone _____

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Property Identified as Block 591C/45
Lot _____

Restrictions:

Michael and Jane DeNike

Name Michael & Jane DeNike

Jane DeNike
Signature by owner(s) of property
or authorized representative

21 Pompton Plains Crossing Road
Address

Wayne, New Jersey 07470

Telephone

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Property Description:

Property Identified as Block 591C/29
Lot _____

Restrictions:

April 17, 1982

Michael and Yolanda Morano
Name

Michael Morano Yolanda Morano
Signature by owner(s) of property
or authorized representative

112 Deerfield Road
Address

Wayne, New Jersey 07470

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Property Identified as Block 591C/27
Lot _____

Restrictions:

Roy and Lena Slater

Name

Roy K. Slater
Lena H. Slater

Signature by owner(s) of property
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104 Deerfield Road

Address

Wayne, New Jersey 07470

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Property Identified as Block 591C/36
Lot _____

Restrictions:

Doris Knapp
Name

Doris Knapp
Signature by owner(s) of property
or authorized representative

97 Pompton Plains Crossing Road
Address

Wayne, New Jersey 07470

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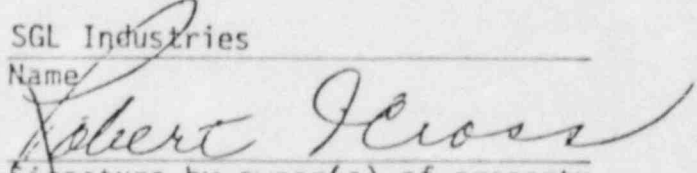
Property Description:

Property Identified as Block 591C/50
Lot _____

Restrictions:

SGL Industries

Name


Signature by owner(s) of property
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76 Euclid Avenue

Address

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Property Identified as Block _____
Lot _____

591-C-23

Restrictions:

WILLIAM A. LAVERACK
Name

William A. Laverack
Signature by owner(s) of property
or authorized representative

108 DEERFIELD RD
Address

WAYNE, N.J. 07470

Telephone _____

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Property Description:

Property Identified as Block 591C/35 and 591C/31
Lot _____

Restrictions:

Ruth Baum
Name _____

Ruth Baum
Signature by owner(s) of property
or authorized representative

125 Pompton Plains Crossing Road
Address _____

Wayne, New Jersey 07470

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Property Description:

Property Identified as Block 591C/24
Lot _____

Restrictions:

*HOLES MAY BE DRILLED ONLY IN LOCATIONS MUTUALLY
AGREED TO BY NRC TEAM AND I.*

John and Katherine Kennedy
Name

[Signature]
Signature by owner(s) of property
or authorized representative

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It should be noted that the original course of Sheffield Brook has been changed over the years. The brook used to run much closer to Deerfield Road properties according to original owners. Just last year the Passaic County Mosquito Commission was digging in it.

Timothy and Pauline Van Oudenaren
Name

Timothy Van Oudenaren
Signature by owner(s) of property
or authorized representative

Address

80 Deerfield Road

Wayne, New Jersey

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Restrictions: *No trees are to be removed or mass damage to underbrush.*

Paul and Jeanette Makus

Name

Paul Makus Jeanette Makus

Signature by owner(s) of property
or authorized representative

88 Deerfield Road

Address

Wayne, New Jersey 07470

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Name

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