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Hon. Nunzio Palladino
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Comm.
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I recently wrote you about Kerr-McGee's proposal now before the NRC and the Oklahoma State Health Department to dispose of approximately 35 million gallons of liquid waste by injection into the Arbuckle Formation.

The State Health Department held a public hearing on this proposal on November 5th in Gore, Oklahoma. During that hearing, a number of local residents expressed serious concerns about the injection well proposal and raised a number of questions and issues during and subsequent to that hearing. For instance, some have questioned why the State Health Department had not undertaken independent tests to verify information submitted by Kerr-McGee; whether other feasible disposal options were considered and, if so, why they may have been rejected; whether geologic faulting underlying our area may pose potential concerns; whether any leakage, if detected, could be contained, etc.

As a result of the concerns and issues raised during that hearing, I understand that the State Health Department intends to delay final action on the proposal in order to conduct further review on the proposal and hold a second public hearing on it. In light of the issues and concerns raised by local residents, I am pleased the Health Department has taken this action.

I am writing today to request that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission also delay any action on the proposal and to request that, if possible, you assist the State Health Department if necessary in undertaking this additional review of the issues raised about the proposal.

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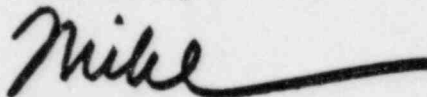
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I would appreciate your response to this letter as soon
as possible.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike" followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Mike Synar
Member of Congress

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