

UNITED STATES

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION III 799 ROOSEVELT ROAD GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS 60137

March 28, 1977

License No. STA-583

MEMORANDUM FOR: Region III Files

THRU:

G. T. Lonergan, Chief, Materials Radiological

Protection Section

FROM:

C. T. Oberg, Radiation Specialist

SUBJECT:

KERR-MC GEE CHEMICAL CORPORATION, WEST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

BRIEF TOUR OF FACILITY BY REGION III, IE PERSONNEL

On March 25, 1977, NRC, Region III, IE personnel made a brief tour of the subject licensee's West Chicago, Illinois, Rare Earth Plant in a continuing effort to maintain cognizance of the status of the facility.

The Action Items (AI) No. 1 through 4, as agreed to by the licensee in their letter dated November 30, 1976, appear to remain satisfied. No further information was available on the progress of AI No. 5.

During this tour, the NRC, Region III personnel observed that there appeared to be insufficient radiation warning signs posted on the perimeter fence of the plant area. Site personnel were unavailable during the time of this tour and the plant door was locked.

The trailer tractor was still parked within the south portion of the plant area and a stake truck was being loaded with concrete reinforcing rods by a individual with a high-lift. There appeared to be no other evidence of traffic or work progressing in the area.

All else appeared to be status quo at the site.

Brief tours of the licensee's West Chicago, Illinois facility will continue as necessary.

cc: J. M. Allan