

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20655

November 6, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Lando W. Zech, Jr., Chairman

FROM:

William C. Parler, General Counsel

SUBJECT: ALLIED CHEMICAL HEXAFLOURIDE CONVERSION PLANT

In your memorandum to me of October 31, 1986 you asked for my response to three questions regarding the treatment of the Allied Chemical hexaflouride conversion plant at Metropolis, Illinois, in conjunction with the Illinois application for Agreement State status.

Under the Agreement proposed by the State of Illinois, regulatory and licensing jurisdiction over the Allied Chemical hexaflouride conversion facility at Metropolis, Illinois, would be relinquished to the State by virtue of the State's assumption of regulatory authority over source material.



William C. Parler General Counsel

cc: Commissioner Roberts Commissioner Asselstine Commissioner Bernthal Commissioner Carr

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November 10, 1986

The Honorable James R. Thompson Governor of Illinois Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Governor Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of October 2, 1986 in which you propose to enter into an agreement with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission under which NRC would discontinue, and Illinois would assume, regulatory authority over certain sources of ionizing radiation in Illinois.

As Mr. Kerr, Director of the Office of State Programs discussed with Ms. Witter of your staff, I have asked the NRC staff to provide the Commission with additional information related to transferring to the State of Illinois regulatory authority for the Allied Chemical plant in Metropolis. Meanwhile, the staff is preparing an assessment of the State's proposal and will publish it in the Federal Register inviting public comment. A public announcement concerning your proposal will be made at that time. Your proposal will be acted upon by the Commission after the expiration of a 30-day public comment period. We will then inform you promptly of our action.

We are pleased with your interest in participating in the Commission's Agreement State program and look forward to continuing the excellent relationship we have enjoyed in the past.

Sincerely,

Lando W. Zech, Jr.

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