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MEMORANDUM FOR: License file  
LICENSEE: Chem-Nuclear Systems, Inc.  
LIC. NO: 39-23004-03  
SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

The NRC was invited to a meeting concerning the supercompaction of radioactive waste by Chem-Nuclear at the proposed site in Channahon, Illinois.

Meeting Date: January 26, 1987

Individuals present:

John Annerino, Chairman, Will County Board  
Mayor Wayne Chesson, City of Channahon  
Representative Jerry Weller, Illinois State Representative  
Sheriff John Johnsen of Will County  
Lt. Gae M. Luchowski, Security Officer from Will County  
Sheriff's Office  
Dan Gould, County Emergency Preparedness (Will County)  
Kerry Sheridan, Chairman, Will County Health and Human  
Services Committee and Fire Chief, Troy Fire Dept.  
Jim Barringer, Director of County Health Dept.  
Steve Ritton, Past Mayor of Channahon  
Gigi Topolski, area resident  
Jim Gayle, member of Will County Health and Human Services  
Committee  
Linda Willareth, member committee/commission on I & M  
Heritage Canal Corridor  
Roland Lickus and Bruce Mallett, NRC  
WJRC News Director, Carol Patrizi  
Tim Novo, Reporter  
Dave Ebenhack and Les Poppe, Chem-Nuclear

Meeting place:

Will County Office Building, 302 N. Chicago St., Joliet,  
Illinois.

Major issues discussed:

1. Fire protection and problems with run-off contaminating area where soil is like a sieve to area home wells.
2. Routes of transport in county and training of Sheriff's Dept. staff.

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3. Security at site.

4. Training of fire dept. staff and lack of water to fight fire.

5. Notification to local governments concerning use of hazardous materials in the area. Government officials and public were concerned that the NRC has no requirement to notify local government agencies prior to licensing a facility as proposed by Chem-Nuclear. Government officials were also concerned that Chem-Nuclear did not notify them of the proposed waste processing of radioactive waste. The NRC responded that the State of Illinois was notified of the application from Chem-Nuclear and NRC actions prior to issuing the amendment to the license on December 9, 1986.

6. Ms. Willareth asked whether Chem-Nuclear performed any siting studies prior to locating in the Channahon area. She also stated that the I & M Commission would be considering whether the processing of radioactive waste as proposed was in keeping with the Commission's plans for the I & M corridor area.

There were numerous discussions on the issue of who was notified by Chem-Nuclear of the proposed processing of waste at the Channahon facility and when the notifications, if any, were made. Mr. Poppe stated that the alarms to his home and the fire dept. have not been made as of the date of the meeting. In a subsequent telephone conversation between Bruce Mallett and Dave Ebenhack, Mr. Ebenhack indicated that Chem-Nuclear staff had not made notifications to local government officials and other offices because one staff member thought that another staff member had made the notifications. In a second meeting between Messrs. Lickus, Annerino, Chesson, Sheridan and Mallett, Mayor Chesson indicated that no notifications to his office or the county Sheriff's office were made by Chem-Nuclear. He first was aware of what Chem-Nuclear is proposing to do at the site from telephone calls from concerned residents. Mr. Annerino had his staff check and they indicated that Chem-Nuclear had filed for a permit to remodel the Channahon facility with the County. However, the application made no mention of the use of radioactive materials. Mayor Chesson and Mr. Sheridan stated that they were aware of correspondence on the Channahon Fire Chief's desk from Chem-Nuclear, however, the Fire Chief was out of town at the time of the meeting and they could not clarify the nature of the correspondence.

Mr. Mallett stated that the NRC would notify the Sheriff's Office, Mayor's Office, and Mr. Annerino's Office of any actions to be taken for this license. Mr. Mallett stated that the NRC is now awaiting for information from Chem-Nuclear regarding final construction of the compactor and will perform an environmental assessment. In a subsequent telephone conversation with Mr. William House of Chem-Nuclear, Bruce Mallett informed Chem-Nuclear that the NRC would not permit the compactor to go into operation until the information was received and the environmental assessment is completed.

*Bruce S. Mallett*

Bruce S. Mallett, Ph.D., Chief  
Materials Licensing Section



## CONVERSATION RECORD

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DATE

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Location of Visit/Conference:

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NAME OF PERSON(S) CONTACTED OR IN CONTACT WITH YOU

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ORGANIZATION (Office, dept., bureau, etc.)

Chem-Nuclear

TELEPHONE NO.

SUBJECT

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SUMMARY

The following is to serve to document notifications made to the State of Illinois concerning Chem-Nuclear's application for an amendment to supercompact waste in the Channahon, Illinois facility.

1. B. Mallett discussed the application and NRC's proposed actions with Dr. John Cooper, of the State, during a meeting held by the State with future Illinois licensees on October 30, 1986. The discussion was short and informal (in hallway). B. Mallett understood Dr. Cooper to state that Illinois was aware of the application and he saw no problems with the NRC issuing the amendment.

2. In telephone conversation with Paul Eastvold of the State, in Dec. 1986, prior to issuance, B. Mallett discussed NRC's plan to issue 2-part license for the facility. Mr. Eastvold indicated that the NRC approach sounded "OK" to him.

ACTION REQUIRED

NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION

SIGNATURE

Bruce D. Mallett

DATE

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