

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 15, 1958

Mr. Harold L. Price, Director
Division of Licensing and Regulation
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Subject: ELK RIVER NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Dear Mr. Price:

At its Eighth Meeting in Washington, July 10-12, 1958, the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards was furnished preliminary information relative to the evaluation of the site for the boiling water reactor to be constructed at Elk River, Minnesota, by ACF Industries. This reactor is to be operated by the Rural Cooperative Power Association.

The Committee was of the opinion that the information submitted was too meager to serve as a basis for a judgment. For example, the assumptions used in performing the radiation dose calculations are not clear. We all realize that the information was submitted to the Commission so late as to preclude adequate study prior to the Committee meeting.

It is my understanding that an early judgment on the safety aspects of this reactor project at this construction permit stage is desired. I will be happy to arrange further consideration either by subcommittee action or by including this project as an agenda item for the August meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/
C. Rogers McCullough
Chairman