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The Honorable Elizabeth (Libby) White
 Director of Health Services
 Department of Energy
 1000 Independence Avenue, SW
 Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Ms. White:

I am writing to ask your cooperation and assistance in obtaining any and all documentation related to the relationship between the former Dow Chemical Plant located in Madison, IL (subsequently owned and/or operated by Conalco, Phelps Dodge and Spectralite Consortium, Inc), the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), and the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Production (RFNWP) facility near Denver Colorado.

I have been working with Senator Durbin and Congressmen Costello and Shimkus for almost two years to help thousands of Illinois residents who were injured working in our government's nuclear weapons program during the Cold War. Although we have obtained documentation supporting the workers compensation claim, our records are incomplete, as there are documents still held by the Department of Energy (DOE) that are relevant to the case.

We request a copy of the contract between Rocky Flats/AEC and the Dow Chemical Madison, IL site (DMIS), or any of its subsequent owners. In addition, we request any and all documents relating to:

- 1) Licenses issued by AEC/DOE permitting uranium and/or thorium processing at Dow Chemical, or any of it's subsequent owners;
- 2) Agreements between AEC/DOE and the above-listed companies related to uranium and/or thorium processing at these facilities;
- 3) Uranium and/or thorium contamination in general at the Dow Chemical Madison, IL site;
- 4) Uranium and/or thorium remediation in general at the Dow Chemical Madison, IL site;
- 5) Beryllium at the Dow Chemical Madison, IL site, or its subsequent sites,
- 6) Personnel of the AEC or the RFNWP working in any way at the Dow Chemical Madison, IL site;

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- 7) AEC inspections of DMIS, including any and all reports regarding said inspections;
 - 8) AEC ownership or other proprietary interest in any DMIS building, land or equipment;
 - 9) DOE assigning DMIS as an AWE/DOE EEOICPA site in 2001 and 2002; and
 - 10) DOE ownership or licensing agreements regarding the burial and/or storage of magnesium-thorium sludge on any portion of the DMIS facility.
- Please contact Robert Stephan (618-946-1836) or Michael Robertson (202-228-5566) on my staff with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Barack Obama
United States Senator

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