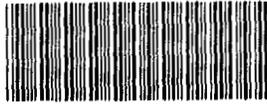


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W.H. Pennington,
Director,
Office of NEPA Coordination,
U.S. Department of Energy,
Mail Station E-201,
Washington, D.C., 20545.

Dear Mr. Pennington:

I have recently learned that hearings are to be held in Denver on May 24th., relating to the draft Environmental Impact Statement filed last September concerning the Rocky Flats Plant. I would like to be scheduled to give testimony at those hearings. The testimony should require about 30 minutes, and will concern itself briefly with the following main considerations:

- (1) the development of a plan for conversion of the Rocky Flats plant and the transference of all personnel employed therein to productive civilian activity.
- (2) the potential for environmental improvement resulting from the appropriate choice of the type of alternative productive civilian activity.
- (3) the possible negative environmental consequences, broadly construed, of the continuation of current activities at the Rocky Flats Plant.

As an economist and engineer, I have devoted a great deal of attention to the question of economic conversion, and have written and lectured widely on that topic. I have also authored a book on energy conservation, The Conservation Response (D.C. Heath, 1976), one of the themes of which is the possibility of a simultaneous approach to solution of both the energy and ecology problems. In addition, I have written and lectured on various aspects of the nuclear weapons question, including problems of accidents and inventory safeguards. Hence, for all these reasons, I have a considerable interest in the Hearings and believe I can contribute significantly to the proceedings.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Sincerely,

Lloyd J. Dumas,
Associate Professor.

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