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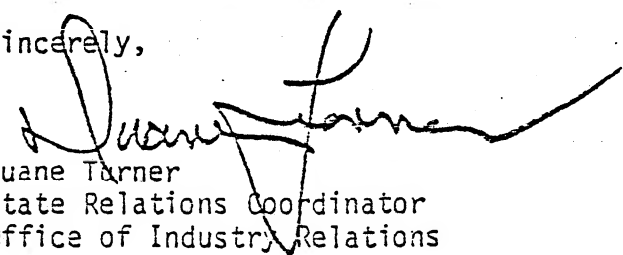
Dear Dr. Olsen:

This is in response to your letter of last July 12 to Dr. Clifford K. Beck concerning AEC's sponsorship of soil sampling in Utah. Your letter has come to me for reply since the sampling was not done under the auspices of the Director of Regulation, but rather as a part of research and development activities conducted under the General Manager's side of the AEC. Let me take this opportunity to reiterate my apology given to you by telephone last week for the delay in this response.

Scientists from the AEC's Health and Safety Laboratory in New York in conjunction with EPA, did indeed visit Utah last June to collect soil samples. This was done routinely as a research project, and was not occasioned by any suspected unusual circumstances. Sampling was done in Idaho, Wyoming and Nevada, as well as in Utah. A principal in the activity was Mr. E. P. Hardy, Jr., Director of the Environmental Studies Division at the Health and Safety Laboratory. I have discussed your desire for copies of the results of analyses of the samples with Mr. Hardy. He indicates that the analyses will be completed sometime next spring, and that he will be happy to send you a copy of the results. Mr. Hardy also indicated that a decision as to whether he and his associates will plan to collect further soil samples must await the outcome of the current analytical work. If the data indicates that additional sampling should be done, he would be pleased to have a State employee accompany the sampling team. Further, if such plans do materialize, Mr. Hardy will contact you directly.

If I can be of future assistance to you here at the Atomic Energy Commission, please do not hesitate in giving me a call.

Sincerely,


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