

# FOIA MARKER

**This is not a textual record. This is used as an  
administrative marker by the William J. Clinton  
Presidential Library Staff.**

---

**Collection/Record Group:** Clinton Presidential Records  
**Subgroup/Office of Origin:** Council on Environmental Quality  
**Series/Staff Member:** Kathleen (Katie) McGinty  
**Subseries:** *[correspondence]*

---

**OA/ID Number:** 2256  
**FolderID:**

---

**Folder Title:**  
[P - February 1994] [Loose]

|               |             |                 |               |                  |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>Stack:</b> | <b>Row:</b> | <b>Section:</b> | <b>Shelf:</b> | <b>Position:</b> |
| <b>S</b>      | <b>61</b>   | <b>5</b>        | <b>3</b>      | <b>1</b>         |

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 16, 1994

Mr. William Paul  
Senior Vice President  
United Technologies  
1401 Eye Street, N.W.  
Suite 600  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Paul:

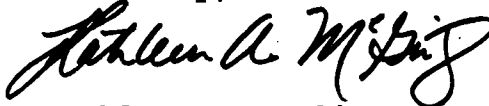
Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about Superfund reauthorization. It was good to hear from you.

I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. In his first State of the Union address, the President reaffirmed his goal to increase the efficiency of toxic waste cleanup, as well as to decrease the numerous liability lawsuits associated with Superfund sites.

As you know, the Administration's Superfund reauthorization bill was introduced in Congress on February 3. We believe the bill is an excellent starting point for improving the fairness and efficiency of the Superfund program and reflects the positions of a large number of stakeholders. I certainly appreciate learning your concerns about this important issue.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty  
Director, White House Office on  
Environmental Policy

KAM/avl



Suite 600  
1401 Eye Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
202/336-7400, 336-7463

January 24, 1994

William F. Paul  
Senior Vice President

Ms. Kathleen A. McGinty  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
Director, Office on Environmental Policy  
360 Old Executive Office Building  
17th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty:

United Technologies is very concerned about the recommendations of the Keystone Superfund Commission and the potential for misunderstanding regarding industry's support for this document. The attached letter from UTC's Chairman, Robert F. Daniell, to President Clinton states our opposition to the report's suggested changes in the remedy selection process and outlines our views on these important matters.

UTC is a Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) at 83 Superfund sites. The development of cost effective cleanup standards which are protective of public health and the environment is one of our top priorities for Superfund reauthorization. As you participate in efforts to reauthorize Superfund, we urge you to reject the Keystone approach. While full details of the Clinton Administration's interagency Superfund task force report have not been made available and the draft continues to be modified, we believe their proposal offers significant improvements in the risk assessment, remedy selection, cleanup standards and land/groundwater use areas which we can support.

If you or your staff would like further information regarding UTC's views on Superfund reauthorization issues, please contact me or Judith Bayer, Director, Environmental Government Affairs at 202-336-7436.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Paul".

William Paul

Enclosure



United Technologies Building  
Hartford, Connecticut 06101  
203/728-7643

Robert F. Daniell  
Chairman and  
Chief Executive Officer

January 19, 1994

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Keystone Commission Superfund Report also known as the  
National Commission on Superfund Report

Dear Mr. President:

United Technologies strongly encourages you not to endorse or otherwise rely on the Keystone Report in finalizing the Administration's proposal for Superfund reform. We have been working with other companies to provide specific recommendations to EPA and the Administration in their consideration of Superfund reform. As a Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) at 83 Superfund sites, we have played an active role in helping to develop a proposal which takes into account the present and future uses of land and groundwater in determining what level of cleanup is appropriate to the site. Underlying that proposal is the conviction that we as a nation are spending too much money to treat pollutants in cases where there is no real exposure or risk to public health and the environment.

The recent report of the Keystone Commission is inherently flawed on a fundamental issue concerning cleanup standards: i.e. is it worthwhile to clean up the soil and groundwater at all sites to the level of drinking water standards or pre-industrial background levels? We believe not. The report assumes that if cleanup to such levels is technically feasible at an old municipal dump, an industrial facility or a Department of Energy munitions plant, it should be done, without regard to either real risk or cost. At stake here are billions of dollars in expenditures by industry and government that could be better spent elsewhere.

We believe that the EPA National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) on Superfund, which included extensive public input, and the Administration's interagency task force

The President

Page 2

January 19, 1994

have developed a far more accurate diagnosis of the inherent flaws in Superfund that need to be addressed to make the program both workable and a wise investment in environmental protection. While there are parts of the Keystone effort that United Technologies can endorse, the report completely sidesteps the need for cost-effective cleanup standards which is the biggest issue in remedy selection and the biggest objection of industry to the current Superfund program.

We hope that EPA and the interagency task force will be allowed to continue the process of addressing head-on the problems of Superfund. The work of the Keystone Commission, while well intentioned, does not represent the views of United Technologies or many other companies which have been working to propose sound policy options to EPA and the Administration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Daniell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bob" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Daniell".

Robert F. Daniell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 22, 1994

Dr. James L. Peterson  
President  
Science Museum of Minnesota  
30 East Tenth Street  
St. Paul, MN 55101

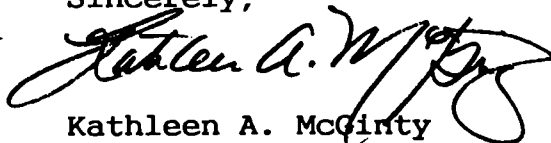
Dear Dr. Peterson:

Congratulations to the Science Museum of Minnesota on receiving the Partner Certificate of Distinction for First Year Implementation Progress for the EPA's Green Lights Program! The program is doing remarkably well, in no small part because of participation like the Science Museum of Minnesota's, and we are pleased to have your organization joining in efforts to help the environment and the economy. Commitment to sustainable development is a cornerstone to President Clinton's philosophy and is driving our environmental agenda throughout the Administration.

As you may know, last October President Clinton released his Climate Change Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000. The Green Lights Program is one of the initiatives which will play a significant role in the implementation of the Action Plan. I want to commend you for your active participation in this program.

Again, congratulations.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty  
Director, White House Office on  
Environmental Policy

KAM/avl

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 8, 1994

The Honorable Federico Peña  
Secretary  
Department of Transportation  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590  
Attn: Ann Bormolini

Dear Secretary Peña:

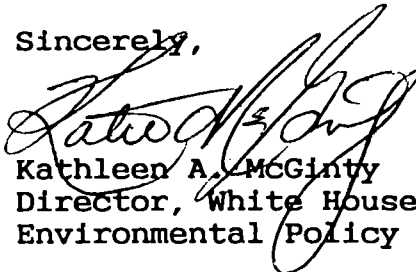
As you know, the President recently signed the Executive Order on Federal Acquisition, Recycling, and Waste Prevention to establish the Federal Government as a model for private and public institutions in this regard. It will reduce solid waste, build markets for recycled products, encourage new technologies and protect the environment.

Among other important provisions, the Executive Order requires the appointment of a Federal Environmental Executive to spearhead the implementation of the Order. Consequently, in conjunction with the EPA, we are currently in the process of reviewing the many qualified applicants, and hope to make an announcement soon.

In the meantime, we request that each agency move expeditiously in naming an internal Environmental Executive as specified in the Order. As you know, the Order sets an aggressive timeline for implementation. In the time until the Federal Environmental Executive is named, please notify me of your choice. This will allow the Federal Environmental Executive to quickly avail him or herself of the expertise of each agency.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty  
Director, White House Office on  
Environmental Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 8, 1994

The Honorable William Perry  
Secretary  
Department of Defense  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301  
Attn: Rudy DeLeon

Dear Secretary Perry:

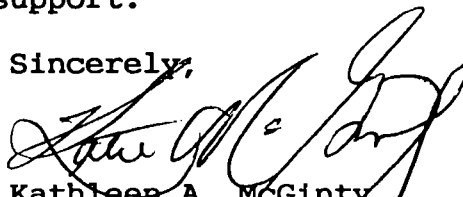
As you know, the President recently signed the Executive Order on Federal Acquisition, Recycling, and Waste Prevention to establish the Federal Government as a model for private and public institutions in this regard. It will reduce solid waste, build markets for recycled products, encourage new technologies and protect the environment.

Among other important provisions, the Executive Order requires the appointment of a Federal Environmental Executive to spearhead the implementation of the Order. Consequently, in conjunction with the EPA, we are currently in the process of reviewing the many qualified applicants, and hope to make an announcement soon.

In the meantime, we request that each agency move expeditiously in naming an internal Environmental Executive as specified in the Order. As you know, the Order sets an aggressive timeline for implementation. In the time until the Federal Environmental Executive is named, please notify me of your choice. This will allow the Federal Environmental Executive to quickly avail him or herself of the expertise of each agency.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty  
Director, White House Office on  
Environmental Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 16, 1994

Dr. J. Winston Porter  
President  
Waste Policy Center  
21400 Ridgetop Circle  
Suite 180  
Sterling, VA 20166

Dear Dr. Porter:

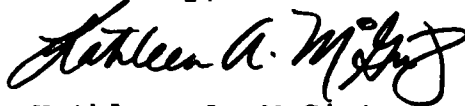
Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about Superfund reauthorization. It was good to hear from you.

I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. In his first State of the Union address, the President reaffirmed his goal to increase the efficiency of toxic waste cleanup, as well as to decrease the numerous liability lawsuits associated with Superfund sites.

As you know, the Administration's Superfund reauthorization bill was introduced in Congress on February 3. We believe the bill is an excellent starting point for improving the fairness and efficiency of the Superfund program and reflects the positions of a large number of stakeholders. I certainly appreciate learning your concerns about this important issue.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty  
Director, White House Office on  
Environmental Policy

KAM/avl



**Waste Policy Center**

**J. Winston Porter**  
President

21400 Ridgeway Circle, Suite 180  
Sterling, Virginia 20166-6511  
Phone: (703) 450-9700  
FAX: (703) 450-9701

1/26/94

Dear Katie:

Enclosed is a recent article on Superfund which may be of interest. I really believe the administration should get beyond the fine tuning and try to fix this program, perhaps along the lines of the enclosed.

Also enclosed are a few booklets which might serve as useful resource material.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Winston Porter'.

# THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

© 1994 Dow Jones & Company, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

★ ★ ★ EASTERN EDITION

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1994

WHITE OAK, MARYLAND

## *Superfund Cleanups: Give Them to States*

As EPA's Superfund manager from 1985 to 1989, I read Tim Noah's Dec. 2 Politics & Policy article with interest. He describes well the competing interests attempting to fix Superfund. All the old favorite issues are there: "How clean is clean," excessive costs, retroactivity, insurance and liability.

Rather than debate all this fine-tuning of an ill-conceived statute, let me propose a better approach. Turn Superfund over to the states.

Every day, the states are proving they can clean up sites faster, and at lower cost, than the federal Superfund program. The typical federal cleanup takes 10 years and costs about \$30 million. By contrast, Minnesota cleanups take two to three years and average less than \$5 million. Wisconsin already has cleaned up 227 sites, more than the entire federal program. New York has completed about 140 sites.

The reasons are increasingly apparent. The states are much closer to the site problems and land-use issues. The federal program is built on "national consistency" in site remedies, which ignores the fact that each site is a unique local problem. Sites differ widely in terms of pollutants involved, hydrology and geology, site area (acres to square miles), and land-use patterns.

Another complication is the cottage industry financed by taxpayers to micro-manage Superfund. EPA funds almost 100 people in the inspector general's office to find fraud, waste and abuse—which, of course, they always do. Congress has tasked an alphabet soup of agencies to fine-tune every aspect of Superfund.

Operating away from the glare of this national spotlight has allowed the states to quietly clean up their sites. EPA, on the other hand, spends most of its time defending the program before Rep. Dingell, Sen. Lautenberg and others.

EPA should set minimum standards for state programs, but without demanding exact "consistency," and should maintain its lead in cleaning up federal facilities. Otherwise, the states should take over.

J. WINSTON PORTER

President

Waste Policy Center

Sterling, Va.

## Letters to the Editor

A9