

To: Bob Kuehn

11/21/96

From: Gary Miller

Ref: Update on the Shintech project.

Dear Bob,

Linda Shoalmire, with Joel's Southern University group, said she will help. She is working on getting income data and population data for minorities, children and elderly in the Shintech area. She hopes to have the information available this week. I sent my analysis of the Shintech permit applications to Lisa Lavie on 11/20/96. We are having a conference call today at 3:00.

I now agree that there is nothing in LAC Chapter 5 about bumping the EPA 45 day period up when they get public comments. However, Nick Stone, the Louisiana coordinator at EPA Region VI, said that it is agency policy to do just that. He couldn't find it in Chapter 5 either, and said that we would have to wait and see how it works. He is the one actually reviewing the permit applications and said he wasn't going to give permission to the DEQ to approve the permit before the end of the EPA 45 day review period. He couldn't speak for his superiors, however. He stated that any requests to the EPA concerning this should be sent to Carol Browner with a cc: to his boss, Jole Cluehrs, at Region VI. I will draft a letter asking that the EPA not give permission to the DEQ to approve the permit until the end of the EPA 45 day review period and until the EPA has fully reviewed all public comments.

I talked with John Draskowski about the permit applications. Youv'e got a bright boy there. He seems to be making a run for my record of most number of years in college too! He stated that he thought the EPA would only be interested in MACT problems, which is what you thought. I agree, but there seems to be a wide division on this issue in the Tulane group. See if you can't impart some wisdom and set them straight.

Regards,

Gary