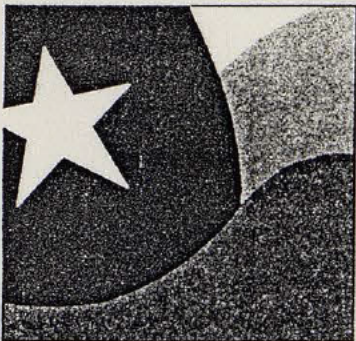


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# MEMORANDUM

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

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May 18, 1983

To Jeanette from Diana

I notice we continue to list the Nuclear Waste Documentary Fund. I very strongly suggest that we ask that this money be returned to our bank account. Ruth Lauer does not think the project will ever be finished without a lot more money (and she does not believe that ~~xxx~~ there is \$344.50 in the acct)

No one has the time or energy (on the state board) to prod them to finish and perhaps the issue is moot. While Linda Archer is still Lubbock's treasurer, she won't be forever. What do you think? We have never gotten a financial report since Ethel got one some years ago.

*Diana*





December 11, 1978

V. V. McGrew, Jr.  
Texas-Oklahoma Government Relations Coordinator  
EXXON U.S.A.  
P.O. Box 2180  
Houston, Texas 77001

Dear Mr. McGrew:

We appreciate EXXON's contribution to the League of Women Voters of Texas energy education project.

The television documentary on the nuclear waste disposal issue should be ready for distribution in early summer. Directors Pat Bruno and Pat Nickell of Lubbock have interviewed persons in Washington, D.C. and Austin; and plan trips to Denver, Houston, and New Mexico to collect additional material.

The disposal of nuclear wastes in the Carlsbad, New Mexico, area is of particular concern to West Texans, and we believe this will be an opportunity to present a balanced, objective view of the issue. Thank you for your interest in the project; we will keep you posted on the progress of the film.

Sincerely,

Betty Anderson  
President

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bcc: B. Anderson  
Pat Bruno  
L. Keever  
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Education Fund  
1730 M STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

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October 12, 1978

V. V. McGrew, Jr.  
Texas-Oklahoma Government Relations  
Coordinator,  
EXXON USA  
P.O. Box 2180  
Houston, TX 77001

Dear Mr. McGrew:

Enclosed is a copy of the preliminary energy education project proposal that was prepared by the League of Women Voters of Texas.

This material should have been mailed to you along with the carbon of the letter notifying the Texas League that they had been awarded the grant.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the LWV of Texas to notify them of whom to contact regarding EXXON's contribution.

Sincerely,

Isabelle Weber, Coordinator  
Energy Department

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cc: LWV TX

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Dear Betty:

TRUSTEES  
Doris G. Bernstein  
Highland Park, Illinois  
Lee Carpenter  
Issaquah, Washington

We are pleased to inform you that your League has been selected by the LWVEF review committee to receive \$4,000 in DOE pass-through funds as part of the LWVEF's Energy Education Program, Phase II. Congratulations!

M. Joanne Hayes  
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Ann W. Viner  
New Canaan, Connecticut

We do want to bring to your attention the fact that EXXON had earlier expressed an interest in contributing \$1500 towards the energy education project undertaken by your state League, should it be selected to participate in Phase II. We notified EXXON today that the Texas League had been chosen. EXXON will send its contribution of \$1500 to the LWVEF to be disbursed, at our discretion, either as part of the basic \$4,000 pass-through grant (thus stretching our DOE grant funds further), or as an addition to it. Before reaching a decision on the final amount of the LWVEF grant to your project, we will, of course, need to discuss your overall plans and budget requirements with you and/or your project manager. We would like to do this at the project workshop so it is important that your League consider this matter prior to October 18.

STAFF DIRECTOR  
Martha T. Mills

A copy of this letter is being sent to the project manager and the workshop participant listed on your League's project proposal. We will expect them to attend the Project Workshop in Washington from October 18-20, 1978. Registration will take place from 12:30-2:00 p.m. on the 18th, with the program beginning at 2:00 p.m. The workshop will end at approximately noon on the 20th.

Reservations have been made for all participants at the Jefferson Hotel, 16th and M Streets, N.W., but they must be confirmed. Your League's participants should let us know no later than Monday, Octo-



Betty Anderson, President  
LWV of Texas

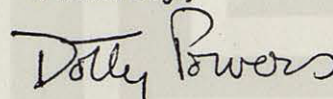
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ber 9 their date and time of arrival and departure. If they intend to extend their stay in Washington, we must know as soon as possible if they wish us to make any arrangements at the Jefferson Hotel. A mailing of more specific workshop information will shortly be sent to all participants.

One final but important matter relates to the LWV of New Mexico. They have also submitted a proposal dealing with nuclear waste disposal, a copy of which is enclosed, and have also been awarded a \$4,000 pass-through grant. It seemed to our review committee that we should bring this to your attention since it offers a particularly good opportunity for your state Leagues to work together on a joint effort, thereby enhancing your final project. The October workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss this in detail but we hope that your board will have time to consider this before then. You may also want to discuss this informally with the New Mexico League, who have received a copy of your project proposal.

Sincerely,



Dorothy K. Powers, Chair  
National Energy Committee

cc: Patricia Bruno (project manager)  
Pat L. Nickell  
EXXON

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League of Women Voters Education Fund  
1730 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

New Mexico  
(state)

PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL FOR A STATE LEAGUE  
ENERGY EDUCATION OUTREACH PROJECT  
(PHASE II)

Date: September 16, 1978

State President: Marjorie Burr

League: League of Women Voters of New Mexico Address & Phone:

Address & Phone:

1. Workshop Participant (project manager): Mary Reynolds

Address & Phone:

2. Workshop Participant:

Dr. Alex F. Burr

Address & Phone:

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Evaluation of Phase I

1. Briefly, what were the objectives of the first state League energy education project? To take to 12-15 N.M. communities an energy crisis and conservation presentation and to stimulate projects in those communities to increase public awareness of conservation techniques and alternative energy sources. It was to bring home to citizens the need for conservation.

2. From the state League's point of view, was the project successful in meeting those objectives? Yes and No

a. If yes, what aspects contributed significantly to its success?

There are already several groups in N.M. in public education for energy conservation and demonstration of alternative energy sources; e.g., N.M. Energy Extension Service, N.M. Energy Institute, Solar Association. LEV/NM Energy Education Outreach filled gaps with innovative ideas like a style show of warm indoor clothing and a meeting for community leaders on solar energy financing.

b. If no, why not? What, if anything, do you think should have been done differently or should be done differently in another project?

The personnel involved could not devote sufficient energy, time and effort to reach aggressively those people and communities where "there is considerable ennui concerning a great deal of the energy situation." Therefore, we did not completely reach our goal of reaching very far beyond those already interested in energy conservation.



## Description of Phase II

Describe your overall proposed project, including your plans to make full use of effective materials developed in the first phase and to increase your audience or to target certain groups. (Attach an additional sheet, if necessary.)

During the past year the developments in the national energy situation have come home to New Mexico in several ways that have stimulated increased interest in the crisis; e.g., natural gas deregulation and nuclear waste disposal. Our proposal deals with this second issue.

With the President's National Energy Plan calling for vastly increased construction of nuclear generating plants, the question of nuclear waste disposal has become critical nationwide. "Today, 63 nuclear plants provide about 10 per cent of the U.S. supply of electricity. By 1985 an additional 75 nuclear plants already planned or in construction could be in operation, and nuclear power could provide as much as 20 per cent of the electric supply." (National Energy Plan) The nuclear waste isolation problem is now critical; doubling the number of nuclear plants will demand a solution to the waste disposal problem.

The plans for a Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP) near Carlsbad, N.M., have expanded and accelerated, becoming a cause of concern to the whole state and particularly to the people on the east side of the state (the East Side). An emotionally charged controversy is raging now. The pro side points to the national need for a nuclear waste disposal solution; the cons point to the unknowns and the risks involved for the people of New Mexico. As ascertained under Phase I of the Energy Education Outreach Project, the people and government of New Mexico are already conservation-conscious. But even so they are asked to accept the nuclear wastes that have been and will be generated from meeting the nation's energy needs. (There are no nuclear generating plants in New Mexico.)

The Department of Energy has promised that the state will have the opportunity to pass or veto this waste isolation project. Whether it will be through legislative action, constitutional amendment, or some other method

Timeline Give a brief outline of goals or activities you would plan to accomplish in each time period.

Nov--Dec Organize and plan

Jan--Feb Publish brochure: "Nuclear Waste: What's the Problem or Is There a Problem?"

March--April Conference: "Citizens and the Nuclear Waste Issue: What Do We Need to Know? How Can We Be Effective?"

May--June Television program on state-wide PBS network: "Pros and Cons of Nuclear Waste Disposal at Carlsbad"

Budget Attach a general, proposed project budget

SEND THIS PROPOSAL BY SEPTEMBER 20, 1978 TO THE ENERGY DEPARTMENT, LEAGUE OF  
- WOMEN VOTERS EDUCATION FUND, 1730 M ST., N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036.



Sept. 16, 1978

is yet to be decided. There is a gap between technical information and emotional response to the issue, which the LWV is qualified to fill through public education on the issue.

The State Council of LWV/NM in April 1978 mandated that we provide unbiased information on nuclear waste disposal to the public. If we were to be funded under the Energy Education Outreach Project, we could carry this out effectively through a multiple approach.

First, we plan to publish 1000 copies of a brochure tentatively titled: "Nuclear Waste: What's the Problem or Is There a Problem?" (Outline attached.) Then we will hold a short state-wide conference on the subject: "Citizens and the Nuclear Waste Issue: What Do We Need to Know? How Can We Be Effective?" at which Local League members and selected participants from their communities will meet with interested community leaders from Carlsbad. This fulfills a need for transferring citizen education and participation skills--League specialties--to those who are concerned with the issue. Finally, we will present a program over the state-wide PBS television network: "Pros and Cons of Nuclear Waste Disposal at Carlsbad," probably a variation of a panel discussion in which all sides are given the opportunity to state and argue for their positions.

This multi-media approach will target the East Side of the state where no Local Leagues are established. About 800 of the 1000 brochures will be distributed there. The state-wide conference will be held there if feasible. Publicity for the television program will be targeted there. While we will not be using materials developed in the first phase, we will be responding to a critical energy problem, using League skills to effect an equitable solution.



Attachment to LWV/NM Energy Education Outreach Project Phase II  
Sept. 16, 1978

"Nuclear Waste: What's the Problem or Is There a Problem?"

#### Outline

- I. Introduction and Background
  - A. What is WIPP?
  - B. Nuclear energy
    - 1. How are wastes formed?
    - 2. What are effects of radiation?
    - 3. What are types of waste?
  - C. Alternative methods of disposal
- II. WIPP
  - A. Why is Carlsbad site considered?
  - B. Historical evolution of WIPP
  - C. Stages at disposal site
  - D. Critical problems
  - E. Unanswered questions.
- III. Citizens' Role
  - A. Public input opportunities
  - B. Risk-benefit ratio and long-term risk assessment
  - C. Final question

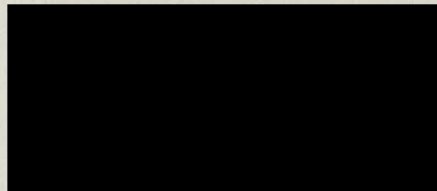


Attachment to LWV/NM Energy Education Outreach Project Phase II  
Sept. 16, 1978

Budget

Salaries and Wages

Project Director Stipend  
Secretarial Service  
Project Consultant



Brochure Publication and Distribution

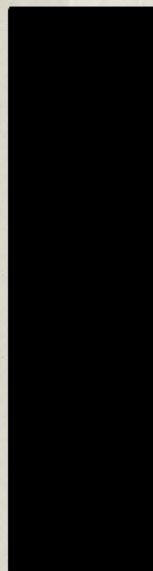
Printing of 1000 copis of  
25-page brochure  
Duplication of draft brochure  
to reviewers



Postage for Brochures and Miscel-  
laneous Correspondence

TV Production

Facilities--1 hour  
Participants' Expenses  
Publicity



Conference

Expenses of Consultants to  
Conference  
Partial Travel Allocation  
to each Local League  
Community



Communication and Office Supplies

Telephone  
Office Supplies



TOTAL



September 15, 1978

Dotty Powers  
Chair, National Energy Committee  
LWVUS Education Fund  
1730 M St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Dotty:

Enclosed is Texas' project proposal for the Energy Education Outreach Program -- Phase II.

We are very excited about the possibilities of a documentary on the storage of nuclear wastes. I talked with Isabelle Weber Thursday afternoon about handling the financial administration, and she suggested that I write this cover letter.

In our discussions with KTXU-TV, the Lubbock PBS affiliate connected with Texas Tech University, the television personnel suggested that it would be advantageous for them to administer the funds for these reasons:

- . the project directors could be paid stipends as consultants;
- .. travel could be vouchered through the university;
- . the project directors would have access to the university WATS lines for telephone calls;
- . the station (but not individuals) can contract with the university graphics department.

The university would waive their indirect costs; the television channel would donate production costs, etc.

If the proposal is approved, we suggest the check for \$4000 be made out to LWV-Texas Education Fund, and then we would subcontract. If it is not possible, we will renegotiate with the television station and the university -- although we think we have a workable arrangement

Hope you view the proposal with favor.

Sincerely,

Betty Anderson  
President  
Enclosure

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bcc: B. Anderson  
J. Wilbur  
L. Keever  
P. Bruno  
C. Shlipak  
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Washington, D.C. 20036

TEXAS  
(state)

PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL FOR A STATE LEAGUE  
ENERGY EDUCATION OUTREACH PROJECT  
(PHASE II)

Date: September 14, 1978

State President: Betty Anderson

League: LWV-Texas

Address & Phone: [redacted]

Address & Phone: [redacted]

1. Workshop Participant (project manager):

Patricia Bruno

Address & Phone:

[redacted]

2. Workshop Participant:

Pat L. Nickell

Address & Phone:

[redacted]

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Evaluation of Phase I

1. Briefly, what were the objectives of the first state League energy education project?

The primary objectives of the first energy project were to: (1) hold three energy conferences in various locations in Texas; (2) provide information on both energy production and conservation, though emphasizing conservation -- a need in a producer state such as Texas; (3) reach expected audiences of 50-75 participants at each conference including League members, legislators, and the general public; (4) videotape the Austin conference for distribution to other local League areas.

2. From the state League's point of view, was the project successful in meeting those objectives?

Yes. The project was successful from the point of view of the LWV-Texas in that the conferences were informative and the desired number of individuals were reached. We

~~a. If yes, what aspects contributed significantly to its success?~~

were not as successful in reaching legislators in the first two conferences, however the one held in Austin achieved this goal. This was due to location as well as emphasis on a legislative response panel in Austin. The videotape has been ordered for showing in Amarillo, Corpus Christi, San Marcos, Harlingen, and Abilene. It was shown in Austin initially.

b. If no, why not? What, if anything, do you think should have been done differently or should be done differently in another project?





### Description of Phase II

Describe your overall proposed project, including your plans to make full use of effective materials developed in the first phase and to increase your audience or to target certain groups. (Attach an additional sheet, if necessary.)

The purpose of this project is to produce a 30- or 60-minute video tape documentary in cooperation with KTXT-TV, Lubbock's public television station, in order to regionally examine the questions and controversies surrounding nuclear waste disposal.

This documentary will examine three prongs of the nuclear waste issue: public fears, emerging policy and legislation, and proposed methods and costs of waste disposal/storage.

Program format will include interviews with Carter nuclear policy architects, regional nuclear energy advocates, environmentalists, and area consumer protest groups.

It would also include a brief review of recent proceedings from public hearings conducted in Midland, Amarillo, and El Paso, Texas over proposed nuclear disposal sites.

The documentary will further include an explanation of major risks and safeguards, existing, and proposed, for the transportation, storage and disposal of nuclear waste material.

Production will be under the supervision of Production Manager George Warmingham, and the program will air on Channel 5, KTXT in the spring of 1979. Video copies will be made available for use by local Leagues through the state office. Information on the documentary will be available to the West Texas local Leagues in Abilene, El Paso, Amarillo, Midland, and Odessa for local TV promotion. Copies of the tape will be offered to the Public Broadcast Service with its 200+ stations in a national network, a print of the program will also be available to any broadcast station to air on a non-commercial basis, and to educational and cultural institutions within the state.

Timetable Give a brief outline of goals or activities you would plan to accomplish in each time period.

Nov--Dec Begin research; complete interviews in Washington, D.C. and Austin, Texas; begin reviews of public hearings, and finish on-site filming and interviews in Carlsbad, N.C.; initiate project grant publicity.

Jan--Feb Complete interviews in Midland, Amarillo, Albuquerque, and Los Alamos; complete research and hearing reviews; transfer video cassette to two-inch tape; begin editing.

March--April Complete editing and production; finish promotional material for publicity.

May--June Dubbing and distributing four tapes for airing; make material available for air.

Budget Attach a general, proposed project budget

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PROPOSED BUDGET

Project Managers

Travel

Video Tape Costs/Transfer

Graphics

Publicity

Equipment Rental

TOTAL

