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Senate Panel to Probe Death of Nuclear Worker

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A Senate subcommittee announced yesterday it will investigate the death of Karen Silkwood, who was killed in an auto accident last year after questioning safety conditions at a plutonium plant in Oklahoma.

Senator Lee Metcalf (Dem-Mont.), chairman of a senate government operations subcommittee, said he will undertake the investigation with the idea of recommending government or

legislative action.

Metcalf agreed to investigate the Silkwood case following a meeting last week with representatives of the National Organization for Women, the United Auto Workers, the Coalition of Labor Union Women, Ralph Nader's Congress Watch and Miss Silkwood's parents.

Miss Silkwood, a 28-year-old laboratory technician at the Kerr-McGee Corp. plant in Crescent, Okla., was killed Nov. 13, 1974,

while driving to Oklahoma City to deliver evidence to a newspaper reporter alleging faulty health, safety and quality control conditions at the plant.

Groups representing women, labor and environmentalists have charged that the government's investigation of Miss Silkwood's death was "full of holes."

Metcalf said he decided to act because a General Accounting Office report on the investigation does not provide enough information.

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