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Dear Mr. Lynch:

This letter is in regards to the containerized mixed hazardous waste that you presently have stored on the eastern side of the Safety Light Corporation Site. This waste, which is a combination of radioactive and hazardous was removed from on-site underground silos by April 2000, and remains a source of great concern to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Not only is this waste extremely dangerous in and of itself, but also its continued presence in the flood plain of the Susquehanna River presents additional concerns for the health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding community and the environment.

As of the date of this letter, we are unaware of any concrete plans or arrangements on the part of Safety Light to have these mixed hazardous wastes properly disposed. You will have already received a letter from Region I of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requiring you to present them with plans for shipment and disposal of the material. As you are no doubt aware, the jurisdiction of DEP extends well beyond that of the NRC. While we certainly share their desire to see the radioactive materials removed, the mixed hazardous wastes are uniquely within our jurisdiction, and provide a separate and independent basis for requesting immediate and concrete action on your part. Moreover, we have additional concerns about overall contamination at the site, particularly contamination to soils and groundwater. We believe that the data gathered in recent samples, as well as your company's purchase of adjoining residential properties due to tritium contamination of the groundwater have and will demonstrate that our concerns are well founded.

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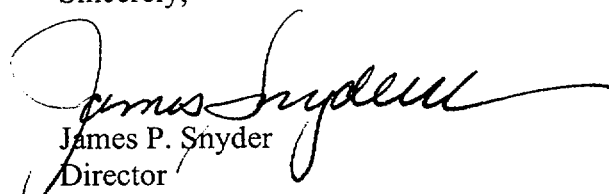
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Therefore, pursuant to our authority under the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act, 35 P.S. §6020.101 *et seq.*, you are hereby requested to submit to DEP within 30 days your plan to properly and expeditiously dispose of the containerized waste presently stored on site. Furthermore, please submit to DEP your plan for a comprehensive site characterization study, including but not limited to, studies of the nature and extent of contamination in both soils and groundwater on the site as well as future remediation actions consistent with State and Federal law. Finally, because the Department remains concerned about Safety Light's financial ability to carry out current and future decontamination and remediation activities, the Department requests that Safety Light make available to our Financial Investigator, at a time and place mutually agreed upon, both financial and corporate materials which the Department deems necessary to satisfy itself of Safety Light's ongoing financial ability to comply with the law.

We anticipate attending the meeting referenced in the NRC letter to mutually discuss our respective interests and concerns about the site. We would also be happy to schedule an additional but separate meeting, with you and any consultant you might retain, to discuss removal of the containerized waste, site characterization and remediation, or financial mechanisms to maintain and achieve compliance.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any technical questions, please contact Thomas Fidler at 717-783-7816, or me at 717-783-2388. If you have any legal questions, please contact Thomas M. Crowley, Assistant Counsel, Southcentral Regional Office of Chief Counsel at 717-787-8790.

Sincerely,


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