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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE REVISED SUPPLEMENT TO THE
DECOMMISSIONING PLAN FOR REMOVAL OF MAGNESIUM-THORIUM
SLAG, THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY BAY CITY SITE, MI (TAC# L60463)

Dear Mr. Baker:

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If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (301) 415-6694.

Sincerely,

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