



May 7, 2012

Mr. Mark Satorius
Director, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs
Mail Stop: TWFN 8D22
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Re: Docket 40-8610, License STC-1333,

Dear Mr. Satorius:

Before the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) began decommissioning three areas where licensed thorium residues were stored, the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC) suspended License STC-1333, which authorized storage of those residues. That suspension was in accordance with a Confirmatory Order Modifying License No. STC-1333, issued to the Stepan Company on October 21, 2008.

In accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding between the USNRC and the USACE, the NRC license was suspended by the USNRC when the USACE took physical possession of each burial area by its notice to the USNRC. By letter dated December 11, 2008, USACE took physical possession of burial area 3 and the NRC suspended the materials license for burial area 3. On August 6, 2009, and January 20, 2010, the USACE notified the NRC that they had taken possession of burial area 2 and of burial area 1 respectively; and the NRC suspended the license for that material.

By letter dated February 14, 2012 from Joseph Seebode, USACE, to Keith McConnell, USNRC, Mr. Seebode stated that the USACE has completed its response action at the burial areas and intends to terminate physical possession of FUSRAP-related portions of the licensed site for the purposes of radiation protection on May 7, 2012.

In accordance with the Confirmatory Order of October 21, 2008, Stepan is hereby notifying you that we accepted possession of the three former thorium residue storage areas on May 7, 2012.

Sincerely yours,

Mark Stanek
Stepan Company

cc: Ms. Lydia Chang, USNRC:FSME:DWMEP:DURLD, Chief, Special Projects Branch

