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U.S. ARMY JEFFERSON PROVING GROUND
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OFFICE OF
ATTENTION OF

Office of the Commander

Mr. Michael F. Weber
Acting Branch Chief,
Low Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch
Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Weber:

In accordance with the Defense Authorization Amendments and Base Realignment and Closure Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-526), U.S. Army Jefferson Proving Ground (JPG) is required to close not later than September 30, 1995. Currently, JPG holds Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) license Number SUB-1435 for soft target testing of Depleted Uranium (DU) projectiles and for the utilization of DU as shielding in a linear accelerator.

As part of the mandatory closure of JPG, it is the intent of the U.S. Army to terminate that portion of license SUB-1435 for all areas outside the impact area in a manner consistent with the unrestricted reuse criteria as specified in Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 40, Section 42 (10 CFR 40.42). A Support Facilities Final Survey Report of the areas associated with the use of DU at JPG is currently being reviewed. Upon issuance of this final survey report, a copy will be provided to your office for approval. This report will demonstrate that residual licensed materials are well below acceptable criteria for unrestricted release of the support facilities at JPG.

For that portion of NRC license SUB-1435 associated with the impact area, JPG is requesting an exemption under 10 CFR 40.14 for a restricted reuse termination. This request is based upon the presence of a high concentration of Unexploded Ordnance in the impact area, the high cost, environmental damage and extreme personnel safety concerns any remediation in this area would create. A DU Impact Area Scoping Survey Report and an associated Risk Assessment are currently being reviewed and will be provided to your office as justification for our request when issued. In addition, under the proposed NRC rule, "Radiological Criteria for Decommissioning" found at Volume 59 Federal Register (FR) notice, page 43,200 (59 FR 43200) et seq, issued August 22, 1994, JPG reserves the right to request a termination of that portion of license SUB-1435 applicable to the impact area under this restricted reuse criteria upon promulgation of a final rule.

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Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Mr. Paul Cloud or Mr. Richard Herring of my staff. They may be reached at (812) 273-7303/7606.

Sincerely,

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Commanding Officer

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