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Sent via email to Christopher.Grossman@nrc.gov

RE: Remediation and Forgoing of Licensing of Waterbury Clock Company – 7, Docket Nos 03038960, signed by Joh R. Tappert, Director of Division of Decommissioning, Uranium Recovery and Waste Programs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

Annual Update per correspondence dated April 28, 2018

Dear Mr Grossman,

New Opportunities, Inc. continues its commitments to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as outlined in our correspondence dated April 28, 2018 regarding the remediation of the properties that comprise the Waterbury Clock Tower Company – 232 North Elm Street, 0 Cherry Avenue, 39 Cherry Avenue, 177 Cherry Street and 215 Cherry Street in Waterbury CT.

During the preceding 12 months, New Opportunities, Inc. worked cooperatively with the City of Waterbury, State of CT – Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the NRC in an effort quantify the radium present in 0 Cherry Avenue, 39 Cherry Avenue, 177 Cherry Street and 215 Cherry Street. This report has been released, to the City of Waterbury. To date we have not received a copy of the report. Our understanding of the findings is that the levels present do not qualify for the sites to be placed on the Super Site list, nor are the levels at a level where they pose a health risk to the surrounding communities. The goal is to now use the information from the testing conducted by the EPA to assist in the cost estimates for selective deconstruction and remediation of the site.

In February of 2019, New Opportunities received “Unsafe Structure Orders” from the City of Waterbury, Building Department for 0 Cherry and a portion of 177 Cherry Street. The request called for the demolition of 0 Cherry and the portion of 177 Cherry Street that abutted the street. This

event is what precipitated the collaboration with the City of Waterbury, the State DEEP and US EPA to conduct the testing.

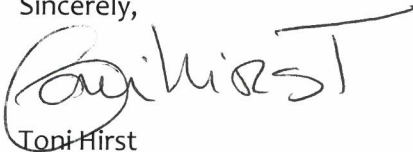
New Opportunities, Inc. continues to look for remediation and deconstruction funding for the buildings on the site. It appears that 215 Cherry Street remains constructional viable, but the building deteriorates daily.

New Opportunities, Inc. continues to have in place the voluntary operational controls at 232 North Elm Street.

New Opportunities, Inc. has maintained access to the site for any representative of the NRC, as well as representatives from EPA, the State of CT and the City of Waterbury. The buildings are secured and cannot be entered by any foot traffic.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if additional information is required. I can be reached by email at thirst@newoppinc.org or at 203.575.4211.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toni Hirst", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

Toni Hirst

Chief Administrative Officer