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MEMORANDUM FOR: James G. Keppler, Regional Administrator  
FROM: Roland Lickus, Chief, State and Government Affairs  
SUBJECT: TRIP REPORT - LANSING, MICHIGAN

On July 30, 1984, M. Schumacher, B. Berson, and myself were in the subject location attending two meetings with state officials and representatives of SCA Services regarding the SCA/Department of Natural Resources-owned contaminated landfill near Bay City, Michigan.

In the morning, a meeting was held between NRC representatives and state officials to discuss plans to encapsulate the sites and to deal with the radiological contamination found on the Hartley property. State officials present included Joseph Hennigan and George Bruchmann, Department of Public Health, Daniel Schultz and Dennis Hall, Department of Natural Resources, and Thomas Schimpf, Attorney General. M. Schumacher explained NRC activities relative to the survey work being performed by Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU). Final results of the survey work are anticipated in four to six weeks. NRC representatives also suggested that the clay cap be no less than four feet in depth, that the water table at the site be monitored for radiological contamination for a number of years after encapsulation, and that a restrictive covenant be placed on the land that would limit use of the property in the future. State officials seemed agreeable to these suggestions.

The afternoon meeting focused on a discussion of the encapsulation plan between representatives from SCA Services (Richard Covel, and John DiNapoli), and State of Michigan representatives. The Department of Natural Resources indicated that SCA may have to get a "Wetlands permit" in order to complete work on the slurry wall. This could add a considerable delay (SCA is presently constructing the slurry wall) such that the project would have to be completed next spring. SCA wants to finish the project this year and is offering to encapsulate the material on DNR property while they have contractors on site. The delay in obtaining a Wetlands permit may jeopardize this agreement.

It was noted by NRC representatives that the radioactive material (thorium) on the Hartley property would have to be dealt with. It was suggested that a

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possible solution would be to move the material to either the SCA or DNR property prior to encapsulation. No decision was made in this regard.

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