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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear NRC:

I am writing regarding Draft Environmental Impact Statement Docket Number 040-8948 for decommissioning of the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation's Cambridge, Ohio facility.

Shieldalloy has requested termination of its license to possess source nuclear material at this facility. In order to terminate its license, it must convince the NRC that it has isolated all its radioactive material from the environment for the remainder of the material's life. Shieldalloy has approximately 7 million cubic feet of mixed waste, including 418 curies of radioactivity, on its property, and has proposed permanent on-site storage of this mass.

I support the hybrid remediation plan proposed by the Save Wills Creek group. This plan calls for off-site disposal of the East Slag Pile and permanent on-site storage of the West Slag Pile. The willingness of the area residents to accept the risks from permanently keeping the West Slag Pile on site seems to be a very generous concession from them.

Certainly the East Slag Pile presents the greatest threat to human health and the environment. Based on the curies per ton of slag, the radioactive contamination of the East Slag Pile is 350% more concentrated than the West Slag Pile. Furthermore, based on the proximity of the East Slag Pile to the road and the railroad track, it seems impossible to safely isolate this pile on site from human activity.

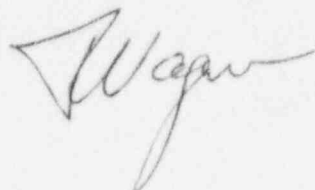
The East Slag Pile contains less than 10% of the total material on site. Shipping the material in this pile to an off-site disposal facility would, therefore, cost less than 10% of the estimate to dispose of both piles off-site. This seems to be a reasonable compromise between a strict demand to properly clean the entire site and the consistent request of polluters to implement least-cost solutions.

I encourage you to require Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation to restore their property to this safer level.

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