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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

September 20, 1996

Ms. Barbara Bonham  
6354 Cowgill Lane  
Cumberland, OH 43732

Dear Ms. Bonham:

I am responding to your fax of September 12, 1996, to Chairman Jackson of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in which you requested NRC to: (1) postpone the September 16, 1996, meeting; and (2) extend the public comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation facility in Cambridge, Ohio, by a period of at least 150 days.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide the public and interested parties an overview of the DEIS, to answer questions on information contained within the DEIS, and to receive comments for consideration in developing the Final EIS. We intentionally scheduled the public meeting more than a month after the DEIS was distributed to ensure that interested parties would have an opportunity to review the document, to answer questions that surface in reviewing the DEIS, and to allow time after the public meeting for people to consider this information in preparing any written comments on the DEIS before the close of the comment period on October 31, 1996. We have also doubled the duration of the comment period from the legally required 45-day period to 90 days to allow additional time for public review.

We conducted the meeting as planned after considering your potential reasons for delay. As you noted in your letter, NRC turned down a similar request for postponing the meeting from Mr. Sherwood Bauman. Your letter gives the same reasons for postponing the meeting as Mr. Bauman's--that Ohio's Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) is not in our Public Document Room (PDR) in the Guernsey County Library and the PDR is not accessible to handicapped persons. Neither of these provided a sufficient basis for delay. The RI/FS is being developed by Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation and other responsible parties in compliance with a consent order from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA). A draft of the RI/FS was initially published in July 1995. Because the draft RI/FS describes site characteristics and remediation designs, NRC's DEIS cites the document. A copy of the draft RI/FS was placed in NRC's PDR when it was received by the NRC last year (ca. July 1995). In my visit to Cambridge, Ohio, on September 16, 1996, I confirmed that the document is available in the PDR. Therefore, a copy of the RI/FS has been available for some time.

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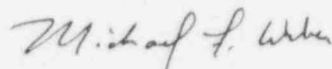
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