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SUBJECT: SPECIAL INSPECTION NO. 040-08843/96-002

Dear Mr. Holcomb:

On August 14 & 20, 1996 and September 13, 1996, Steve W. Shaffer and Ronald R. Bellamy (September 13 only) of this office conducted a special safety inspection of Ronson Metals Corporation's (RMC) facilities at 55 Manufacturer's Place, Newark, New Jersey. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspectors, and interviews with personnel. The findings of the inspection were discussed with Jeffrey A. Walder and Edward E. David, Ph.D., at the conclusion of the inspection. A copy of the NRC inspection report is enclosed.

At the conclusion of the inspection on September 13, 1996, a discussion was held covering three areas that require further investigation and assessment. The three areas are the sub-surface room in building 1, the source term under buildings 2 & 3, and the source term under parking lot 6. Sampling of the floor and tank in the sub-surface room in building 1 will need to be done under the criteria for a confined space entry. The source terms under buildings 2 & 3 and parking lot 6 need to be more accurately defined. In your site characterization/decommissioning plan submittal, please be sure these three areas are discussed in detail.

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We appreciate your cooperation with this inspection effort. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Steve W. Shaffer at (610) 337-5256.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By:
Ronald R. Bellamy

Ronald R. Bellamy, Chief
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NRC Region I Inspection Report Number 040-08843/96-002

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