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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535-0001

December 2, 1996

Ms. Barbara Dankmyer
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300 Caldwell Avenue
Washington, Pennsylvania 15301

Dear Ms. Dankmyer:

I am responding to your letter dated September 27, 1996, which requested U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff review of your "Short-Term Community Outreach Strategy" planned for your facility in Canton Township, Washington County, PA.

NRC has no objection to your planned activities. However, with respect to the environmental impact statement (EIS) for this facility, note that the NRC staff has not decided to develop an EIS because the environmental report on which this decision would be based has not been submitted by Molycorp. Such a decision would be documented in a Notice of Intent to Develop an EIS, which would be published in the Federal Register. If and when a decision is made concerning the development of an EIS, NRC staff will coordinate its EIS public involvement initiatives with your community outreach program.

Although not specifically addressed in the strategy, Molycorp should consider including the construction and operation of the proposed interim storage facility within the scope of the plan.

Also, note that NRC has placed information regarding decommissioning activities at the Molycorp facility, that are under review by NRC, in its local public document room at the public library in Alliquippa, Pennsylvania.

A copy of NRC's final report, "Responsiveness to the Public" (NUREG/BR-0199), is enclosed for reference. A discussion of decommissioning sites and facilities begins on page 22 of this NUREG.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (301) 415-6701.

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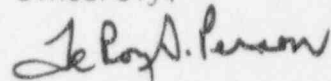
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