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Docket No. 40-17

Dow Chemical Company
ATTN: Dr. L. W. Ranpy, Chairman
Radiation Safety Committee
1803 Building
Midland, MI 48640

Gentlemen:

We have received from our contractor, Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU), a draft report of ORAU's August 1984, confirmatory survey of the former Dow/Wellman foundry site in Bay City, Michigan. In a telephone discussion May 24, 1985, M. C. Schumacher of this office informed R. A. Olson of Dow that the report reveals that thorium residues at several locations exceed the guidelines for unrestricted release that were conveyed to you in our letter of September 11, 1984.

This letter is to advise you that the site should be reexamined and decontaminated to acceptable levels. A copy of the draft ORAU report is enclosed for your use in determining the areas which require further action. After this work is completed and reported we will schedule another closeout survey.

A representative of this office and of ORAU expect to be in Bay City on another matter during the week of June 24, 1985, and will contact Mr. Olson at that time. If you have any questions concerning this matter please telephone Mr. Schumacher or myself at (312) 790-5500

Sincerely,

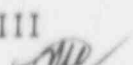


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