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SUBJECT: COMMENT CONCERNING SHIELDALLOY METALLURGICAL CORPORATION, CAMBRIDGE,
OH, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

On December 17, 1996, Mr. Sherwood Bauman, Chairperson, Save the Wills Creek Water Resources Committee, called me to discuss several concerns. One of these concerns involves the subject EIS. Mr Bauman stated that the volume of the slag pile capping material was used in calculating the average slag pile radionuclide concentrations. He stated that this approach is inappropriate because it lowers the radionuclide concentrations thereby reducing the environmental impacts of those radionuclides.

I asked Mr. Bauman if he had included this comment in the comments his Committee had submitted on November 29, 1996. He said that he hadn't because this concern had been raised only recently as a result of his review of the Draft Branch Technical Position (BTP), "Screening Methodology for Assessing Prior Land Burials of Radioactive Waste Authorized Under Former 10 CFR 20.304 and 20.302." I informed him that although the BTP does not apply to this site, his comment would be considered.

Please include this comment with those previously submitted on the EIS.

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