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PROJECT 698

Ms. Ruth Vandegrift
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SUBJECT: DECOMMISSIONING OF ENGELHARD SITE, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Ms. Vandegrift:

On August 14, 1996, Mr. William Snell of my staff contacted you by telephone concerning the decommissioning of the Engelhard site at 1000 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. As you were already aware, the Chevron Corporation and the Engelhard Corporation were working to decommission the Chevron Plant "C" Building and the area surrounding the building at this site. Mr. Snell had contacted you to inform you that we had been informally notified by B. Koh and Associates, Inc., on behalf of Engelhard, that they were planning on moving ahead to develop a decommissioning plan to remediate other remaining contaminated areas at this site.

In past discussions with ODH (Ohio Department of Health), we had informally agreed that ODH would assume the lead for Engelhard's decommissioning of these other areas at the site once the Chevron Building remediation was completed. However, following Engelhard's recent notification of their intent to move ahead to complete remediation at the site, we raised the issue of regulatory jurisdiction with NRC Headquarters. As Mr. Snell informed you, we were told that we should maintain the lead for the decommissioning of the entire site since it is NRC regulatable material. Based on Mr. Snell's discussion with you, it is our understanding that this was acceptable, and you would continue to offer the support of ODH in our efforts at this site. We also agreed to ensure that you continue to receive copies of all correspondence concerning this decommissioning effort.

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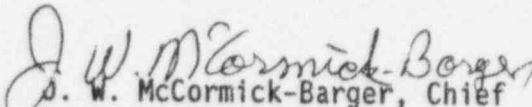
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If you have any questions, please contact me (630/829-9872) or Mr. Snell (630/829-9871).

Sincerely,


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Decommissioning Branch

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