

September 11, 1996

E. I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc.  
Du Pont Agricultural Products  
ATTN: Mr. Kenneth M. Harbert, Jr.  
Radiation Safety Officer  
901 West Dupont Avenue  
Belle, WV 25015

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. STB-00058/96-01

Dear Mr. Harbert:

The NRC has reviewed the records of all formerly licensed sites for licenses that were terminated before 1985 to determine if the sites had been properly decommissioned. As a result of this review, the site described in License No. STB-00058, E. I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., Belle, West Virginia, was identified as a site which required further investigation to verify that it was properly decommissioned and met the current criteria for release for unrestricted use.

On August 12, 1996, the NRC completed an inspection at the Du Pont Agricultural Products facility in Belle, West Virginia, to assess the current radiological status of the formerly licensed site. The enclosed report (enclosure 1) presents the results of that inspection, which were discussed with you and members of your staff on August 12, 1996, following the inspection.

During the inspection, records were reviewed, procedures were discussed with personnel, and direct observations related to radioactive materials handling were made by the inspector. Based on those reviews, discussions and observations, no violations were identified.

The inspector did establish that Du Pont had disposed of licensed material by on-site burial and that the material disposed of in this manner remained at the inactive burial site. It appeared that this burial had been conducted in 1961 in accordance with the existing regulations in 10 CFR 20.304. The NRC has recently determined that licensee's who disposed of material by burial per 10 CFR 20.304 are subject to the Timeliness Rule (59 FR 36026, effective August 15, 1994) and must follow the notification requirements of the rule as well as address the decommissioning requirements associated with the rule. This issue is further addressed in the enclosed Information Notice 96-47 (enclosure 2).

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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If you have any questions regarding the inspection report, the Information Notice or the requirements regarding the burial site, please contact Mr. Jay L. Henson, at (404) 331-0344.

Sincerely,

(original signed by  
J. P. Potter)


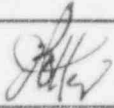
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Materials Licensing/Inspection Branch 2  
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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