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January 31, 1997

Mr. John Jankovich, Section Chief  
Transportation and Storage  
Inspection Section  
Spent Fuel Project Office  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Jankovich:

Molten Metal Technology of Tennessee, Inc., (MMT) has acquired certain assets related to processing and transportation of radioactive materials, from VECTRA, Inc., (VECTRA). In the interim period, prior to NRC approval of the MMT QA Plan application, dated January 9, 1997, MMT will continue to operate these assets under the approved VECTRA QA Plan (Docket 71-0192). All operations will be conducted in accordance with the approved VECTRA QA Plan as described in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MMT and VECTRA. Upon approval of the MMT QA Plan, MMT will operate these assets under the MMT QA Plan. Therefore, MMT requests that the scope of activities, to be considered in our QA Plan application, be expanded to include the low-level radioactive waste (LLW) handling and transportation activities included in the VECTRA QA Plan.

MMT will, during this interim period, implement both the SEG and VECTRA QA Programs independently. As you are aware, we are currently implementing the SEG QA Plan (Docket 71-0496) to operate the assets acquired from SEG, pending approval of the MMT QA Plan. This interim operating approach was found acceptable to NRC, as documented in your letter of January 21, 1997. MMT's purchase of VECTRA assets is, for the purposes of implementing quality assurance, identical to that of the purchase of SEG assets. VECTRA will retain assets related to its high-level and LLW business, therefore, MMT cannot purchase the VECTRA QA Program.

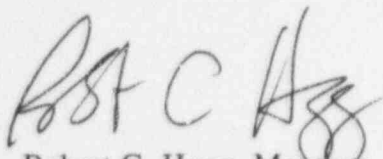
Activities performed by MMT under the two QA programs will remain separate and distinct. Activities performed by MMT under the SEG QA Plan will be only those and all those specified in the scope described in the approved SEG QA Plan. Activities performed by MMT under the VECTRA QA Plan will be only those and all those required by 10 CFR Part 71 and specified in the approved VECTRA QA Plan. Upon approval of the MMT QA Plan, MMT will operate entirely under the approved MMT QA Plan.

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If you have any questions or require any additional information please call me at (423) 482-8260. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R C Hogg", written in a cursive style.

Robert C. Hogg, Manager  
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Molten Metal Technology, Inc.

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