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Mr. Harold LeFevre
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
TWFN -- Room 2C22, M/C 7J9
11545 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852-2738

Dear Mr. LeFevre:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your questions of December 20, 1996, concerning several letters that Envirocare had sent relative to our 11(e)2 license groundwater monitoring. Questions were specifically raised concerning Mr. Vern Andrew's letter of October 5, 1996, David Winter's letter of October 24, 1996, and David Winter's letter of November 20, 1996.

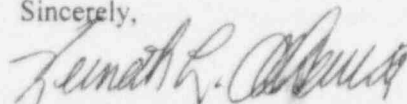
The difference between Mr. Andrews letter of October 5, 1996, and Mr. Winter's letter of October 24, 1996, is that Mr. Andrews letter included all of the parameters that had an initial second quarter concentration in excess of Table S-1 including those that were not confirmed in either the first or second round of confirmatory sampling. Mr. Winter's letter only included those exceedances that were confirmed. Further, Mr. Winter's letter also included an exceedance for uranium for GW-18 where Mr. Andrews' letter did not include any radiological exceedances. I will also note that the uranium exceedance is somewhat questionable because the confirmatory sample was split with one analysis exceeding Table S-1 where the other analysis on the split did not.

To clarify, as you requested, Mr. Winter's letter of November 20, 1996, Envirocare has requested site specific values for the wells and constituents listed in Mr. Winter's letter of October 24, 1996, to be the current base line values in Table S-1. Mr. Winter's letter in the second paragraph makes this request. As noted in his letter, Envirocare is certain that all constituent concentrations measured are essentially part of background.

Envirocare has committed to provide information to supporting our conclusion to the NRC by March 1, 1997. Further, we plan to provide you interim information for your January 1997 visit.

I hope that I have clarified your questions. Please contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



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