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August 23, 1995

William Axelson
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission - Region III
801 Warrenville Road
Lisle, IL 60532-4351

Re: Accumulation of Contaminated Water at Advanced Medical Systems, Inc.

Dear Mr. Axelson:

Based on recent articles in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, it appears that Advanced Medical Systems, Inc. ("AMS") has not begun evaporation of any of the water that it has accumulated at its London Rd. facility, despite numerous representations to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") that such evaporation would begin promptly. AMS has even apparently made efforts to dispose of "up to 100,000 gallons" of contaminated water through another sewage treatment facility outside of the jurisdiction of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

We are concerned that the NRC's failure to hold AMS to its promises presents a hazard to the neighborhood around the facility. Any accumulation of up to 100,000 gallons of water would present a hazard. The fact that the thousands of gallons collected by AMS are radioactive can only aggravate the hazard to the community, particularly in terms of potential contamination of soil and other property.

Please take those steps necessary and in your power to alleviate this present hazard.

Please call me at (216) 443-7597 if you have any questions or comments about the foregoing.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Kalstrom
Secretary, Cuyahoga County LEPC

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