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SUBJECT: SITE CHARACTERIZATION OF THE FORMER MICHIGAN CHEMICAL COMPANY LOW
LEVEL BURIAL SITE

Dear Mr. Phillips:

This is to acknowledge that NRC has received your February 6, 1997 letter concerning the above topic. Your letter states that a health physics consulting service has been retained to prepare a site specific characterization plan, a health and safety plan, and a quality assurance plan to be used in characterizing the above site during the summer of 1997. Additionally, you project that the above plans should be completed and submitted to the NRC for our review and approval by March 7, 1997.

We appreciate your diligence in working to resolve this issue in a timely manner. We will look forward to receiving the above information during the month of March 1997. To avoid duplication and unnecessary effort, you should contact Mr. McCann of my staff (630-829-9856) during the development of the plans should you or your consultant have any questions regarding NRC policy for characterization and remediation of potentially contaminated sites. Additionally, you should notify Mr. McCann at least two to three weeks prior to any intrusive operations which may be performed at the burial site, such that if warranted, we can be on site to observe the activities.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (630) 829-9615, or Mr. McCann.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
B. L. Jorgensen, Chief
Decommissioning Branch

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