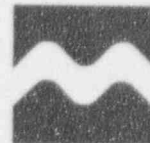


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VIA UNITED PARCEL SERVICE

February 6, 1997

Ms. Cynthia D. Pederson
Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III
801 Warrenville Road
Lisle, Illinois 60532-4351

**Re: SITE CHARACTERIZATION OF LOW LEVEL DISPOSAL SITE
FORMER MICHIGAN CHEMICAL COMPANY
BRECKENRIDGE, MICHIGAN**

Dear Ms. Pederson:

Memphis Environmental Center, Inc. (MEC) is responsible for the management of environmental affairs at the former Michigan Chemical Company Low Level Disposal Site, located near Breckenridge, Michigan (Site). As MEC has limited health physics expertise, MEC has contracted with NES, Inc. of Danbury, Connecticut to assist MEC with providing additional radiological characterization of the Site.

NES will be preparing a site specific Characterization Plan, along with supporting documents, such as a site specific Health and Safety Plan and a Quality Assurance Project Plan. These documents will be used to guide the characterization activities at the Site in the most efficient manner. These plans should be completed by March 7, 1997. Site Characterization activities will be conducted this summer and a Site Characterization Report will be submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) by the end of summer.

Please contact me at (901) 345-1788 should have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Memphis Environmental Center, Inc.

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Mr. Mike McCann, *NRC*
Mr. Dwight Vann, *NES*