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J. Michael Bowman  
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Claymont, Delaware 19703

SUBJECT: INSPECTION NO. 040-00449/96-001

Dear Mr. Bowman:

On October 4, 1996, Dawn M. Munford, Ronald R. Bellamy, and Todd J. Jackson of this office conducted a routine safety inspection at Building No. 3 on Philadelphia Pike, Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania of activities of Allied Chemical Corporation, authorized by Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) License No. SMC-00144. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspectors, interviews with personnel, and radiological surveys by the inspectors. The findings of the inspection were discussed with Mr. Joseph Loro at the conclusion of the inspection. A copy of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection report is enclosed.

The NRC records for this license were reviewed as part of an NRC program to ensure that facilities, where activities authorized by AEC or NRC licenses that have been terminated occurred, are suitable for release for unrestricted use in accordance with current NRC guidelines for radioactivity. As part of this program our contractor, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), reviewed each terminated license file to identify facilities which indicated that licensed material may have been used at a particular facility, but which do not include adequate final survey records for those facilities, have been identified for additional review. The ORNL review identified the referenced license file as one describing a site requiring additional review. In order to close our review of License No. SMC-00144, we needed current information indicating that the described facility is suitable for unrestricted use. We therefore conducted the inspection on October 4, 1996.

As a result of our review of the license file and inspection on October 4, 1996, we have concluded that the portion of the facility where activities using radioactive material were licensed is suitable for unrestricted use.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter will be placed in the Public Document Room. No reply to this letter is required.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Original Signed By**

Ronald R. Bellamy, Chief  
Decommissioning & Lab Branch  
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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