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MEMORANDUM FOR: Region III FilesFROM: D. G. Wiedeman, Acting Chief, Fuel Facilities and
Contaminated Sites SectionSUBJECT: POSSIBLE CONTAMINATED BUILDING in CLEVELAND, OHIO,
CLEVELAND CLINIC, LICENSE NO. 34-00466-01,
DOCKET NO. 30-02649

During my attendance at the Enhanced Participatory Rulemaking (EPR) Workshop at the Park Hyatt in Chicago, Illinois on January 27 and 28, 1993, one of the participants made a comment regarding a building in Cleveland that was so contaminated that the ladies that work in the building must wear dosimeters to monitor their radiation exposures. During the break I introduced myself to the participant and inquired about this building. This individual indicated that the building was owned by Cleveland Clinic and was once used by Harshaw Chemical. She indicated that was all the information she was aware of and referred me to Erv Ball of the Cuyahoga County Health Department, another EPR participant. I asked Mr. Ball about this matter and he stated that he was not aware of the contaminated building that the other EPR participant was referring to. Mr. Ball also discussed this matter during the break with Mr. Robert Owen from the Ohio Department of Health and he was not aware of which building the EPR participant was referring to.

On February 2, 1993, I contacted the EPR participant and inquired about additional and specific information regarding the exact location of this building. On this same day I contacted Judy McKenna, the Radiation Safety Officer at Cleveland Clinic, and relayed this information to her and asked that she look into this matter and get back to me when she finds any additional information. Several days later Ms. McKenna telephoned me and provided me with an update to her internal investigation into this matter. On February 11, 1993, we received a copy of their report dated February 8, 1993 (see Attachment A). It appears that the EPR participant that made the statement about the contaminated building misunderstood why employees working in this building wore dosimeters. I contacted the EPR participant that made this statement and explained to her the results of Cleveland Clinic's internal investigation into this matter.

We now consider this matter closed.

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Attachment: As stated

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