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**Special Inspection of the Remediation
at the Former Harshaw Chemical Building, Plant "C"
in Cleveland, Ohio (NRC Project Code: 687)**

Attention: Mr. J. W. McCormick-Barger

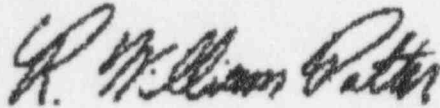
This response pertains to your July 3, 1996 letter discussing the special inspection conducted by Mr. G. M. McCann, of your staff, on May 22, 1996 and our June 21, 1996 telephone conversation. I appreciate the excellent understanding and communications we have on this project and believe this will benefit all parties, including the general public. As mentioned in your letter, the belt conveyor system is to be removed by the Engelhard Corporation. The project and safety plans will be submitted to Mr. William Snell, of your staff, for his review prior to the start of the work.

As mentioned in your letter, I have temporarily suspended the field portion of the decommissioning project while we resolve issues of waste disposal and funding with the Department of Energy (DOE). I had mentioned to Bill Snell my intentions to suspend field activity in March, as your letter noted, but the field activity did not end until June of this year. The building now presents a significantly reduced risk to the general public and the current site workers, than it did when we started the field activity. This is due to the removal of piping, electrical conduits and fixtures, and further securing of the building. Several openings were closed and existing closures repaired or reinforced as needed. The temporary suspension of field activities does not present an increased risk to the public and resolution of issues with the DOE will allow a quicker and complete decommissioning to occur with an overall reduction in risk to the public.

Attached please find a general schedule for resolving the DOE issues and field remobilization. This schedule is based on the current assumption that Chevron will continue to manage the project. As we moved through the schedule I will provide Mr. Snell with periodic updates.

Again, thank you for your time and cooperation on this project. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at (510) 842-5882.

Sincerely,



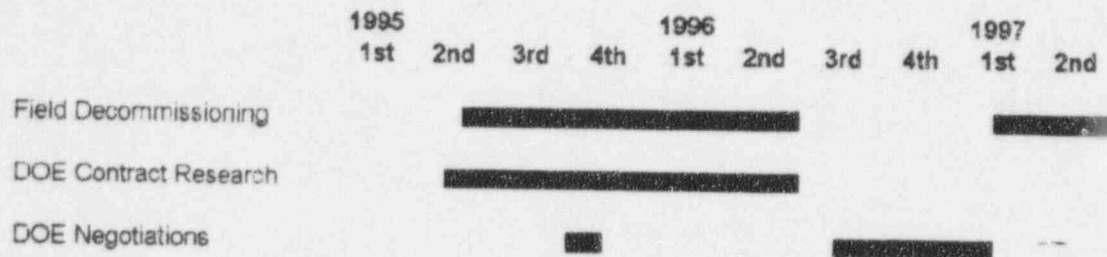
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Attachment

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cc: Mr. William Snell - NRC (via fax)
Ms. R. Vandegrift - Ohio Department of Health (via fax)
Mr. A. Kopas - Engelhard Corporation (via fax)

General Project Schedule - Harshaw Chemical Building G



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Jim McCormick - Barger: Could you please give a copy to Bill Snell. Thanks.

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