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**Former Harshaw Chemical Building, Plant "C"
in Cleveland, Ohio (NRC Project Code: 687)**

Attention: Mr. William G. Snell

The purpose of this letter is to give you an update on the above referenced project. As I have mentioned we had a meeting with the Department of Energy (DOE) - Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program people on December 19, 1996. This is the second meeting we have had with the DOE on this project and I would summarize this meeting as positive and cooperative. We presented information from our review of past contracts between Harshaw, the operator's of the site during the radiological work, and the U.S. Government. It is our position, that due to the wording of these contracts and current environmental laws, the Government has ownership of the radiological components and wastes from the building and some remedial costs responsibility. DOE did not deny or accept any responsibility, but stated that they have had to deal with these issues at other sites.

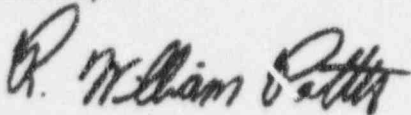
We left the meeting with an action item of compiling our thoughts of the Government's liability into a written document and submitting it to them. We are currently working on this item and hope to have it completed and submitted to the DOE next month. We will keep you informed as we move forward with the DOE.

Also as I mentioned I am moving to another position within Chevron and have turned this project over to Mr. L. W. (Larry) Kirchner. He is at the same address as I am with the exception of his room number of T-4104. His numbers are: telephone (510) 842-5887, fax (510) 842-3194, and E-mail lwki@chevron.com.

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Again, thank you for your time and cooperation on this project. I have enjoyed working with you and the other members of the NRC team over the past several years and have found that the NRC is part of the solution, rather than part of the problem. We all would be better off if all agencies used your solution based approach to the challenges that confront us. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at (510) 842-5882 or Larry at (510) 842-5887.

Sincerely,



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**ENGELHARD AND NRC REGION III MEETING
LISLE, ILLINOIS**

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AGENDA

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**William Snell, NRC
Andrew Kopas, Engelhard**

II. Overview of Engelhard Project

Historical Background

Andrew Kopas

Site Characterization

**Ted Adams
B. Koh and Associates, Inc.**

III. Future Project Plans

**Andrew Kopas
Ted Adams**

Characterization

Remediation

IV. Discussion

ALL

V. Concluding Remarks

**William Snell
Andrew Kopas**

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