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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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July 20, 2000

Michael J. Mocniak, Vice President  
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT 40-7580/00-01 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Mocniak:

This refers to your letter dated May 26, 2000, in response to our letter and Notice of Violation dated May 2, 2000. Regarding the immediate corrective action which restored evaporation operation to the groundwater treatment system, your reply is responsive to the concerns raised in our Notice of Violation. However, concerning your corrective action to avoid reoccurrence of a violation of this type, we determined that clarification of your response was needed. Specifically, this section of your response letter stated, in part, that:

As changes are made to the Decommissioning Plan, Fansteel will submit revised pages to the NRC for review and comment.

On July 18, 2000, Mr. Louis C. Carson II of my staff held a telephone conference with Mr. Fred Dohmann ( Fansteel Site General Manager) concerning the response for handling of proposed changes or revisions to your Decommissioning Plan. Mr. Dohmann explained that Fansteel's proposed changes or revisions to the Decommissioning Plan will be submitted to the NRC as license amendment requests that are subject to NRC approval prior to your implementation. If you have any questions regarding the requirement to submit proposed changes to the NRC for approval prior to implementation, please notify us immediately.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rule of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR)

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. Carson at (817) 860-8221 or Dr. D. Blair Spitzberg at (817) 860-8191.

Sincerely,

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Dwight D. Chamberlain, Director  
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