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Dear Mr. Kinneman:

This is a follow-up to our discussions in the course of the meeting at the DER Regional Office at Norristown on August 16, 1988 in the matter of the Royersford Waste Water Treatment Facility and its need to dispose of contaminated sludge.

In order for us to authorize the disposal of the sludge by land application or by landfill we need clear written confirmation from your agency that such disposal is authorized, supported and approved by NRC. This written confirmation is needed in the next few weeks. Since the issue deals with sludge concentrations in excess of 10CFR20 limits for effluents to unrestricted areas, we need assurance that the disposal option selected will not be reversed by NRC.

As you are aware, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is not yet authorized to regulate by-product, source and special nuclear material. That authority is vested in NRC. However, the sludge does contain non-radioactive material that is regulated by the Department. This being the case, we need documentation from NRC that the options mentioned previously are acceptable to NRC.

The parties to this issue, including this Department, the Borough of Royersford, and the licensee, Interstate Nuclear Services, need disposal options which are dependable and durable.

Thank you for your attention and consideration. Please call if questions arise.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure