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NOTE TO FILE: 40-6940

FROM: Leslie Fields, Project Manager
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SUBJECT: TELEPHONE CONVERSATION REGARDING CABOT PERFORMANCE
MATERIALS (BOYERTOWN, PA)
FEE CONCERNS

On Thursday, November 2, 2000, NRC staff contacted Mr. Timothy Knapp, Radiation Safety Officer for Cabot Performance Materials to determine if Cabot has any concerns regarding the NRC fee structure. Mr. Knapp stated that he had absolutely no concerns for the fees associated with the fuel cycle licensed facility in Boyertown, PA. However, Mr. Knapp voiced lots of frustration with the Reading, PA and Revere, PA facilities in which he also has Radiation Safety Officer responsibilities. Mr. Knapp stated that Cabot has spent over \$300,000 over the past year and he has received no feedback from decommissioning requests sent to the Division of Waste Management. Mr. Knapp mentioned that in the past year, Timothy Harris of DWM has been replaced by Theodore Smith of DWM and he is concerned that repetitive reviews are taking place. Mr. Knapp also indicated that another materials licensee Mallinckrodt Chemical Inc. has expressed similar concerns. NEI plans to present Cabot's concerns to the Commission at the next NEI meeting. No further FCLB action is required at this time.

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