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January 8, 2001

Administrative Judge Charles Bechhoefer
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Re: In the Matter of MOLYCORP, INC., Washington, Pennsylvania;
Site Decommissioning Plan (Part 1)
Docket No. 40-8778-MLA-2;
ASLBP No. 00-775-03-MLA
Canton Township's Motion to Modify Order Dated September 28,
2000

Dear Judge Bechhoefer:

I am writing to advise you that by letter dated January 3, 2001, from George Dawes to Larry Camper, Chief of the Decommissioning Branch for the NRC, Molycorp withdrew its proposed License Amendment request submitted on July 14, 2000, which provides for on-site disposal as detailed in Part 2 of Molycorp's Decommissioning Plan for the Washington, PA facility. A copy of Mr. Dawes' letter to Mr. Camper is attached for your files.

In light of Molycorp's decision to dispose of the material off-site, I believe it may be possible to dismiss by stipulation the informal hearing currently pending before you. I am attempting to contact Mr. Kamin, who represents Canton Township, to discuss this. I hope that we both will be calling you in the near future.

If you have any questions, please call me.

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Very truly yours,

Randolph T. Struk

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January 3, 2001

Mr. Larry Camper, Chief
Decommissioning Branch
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Dear Mr. Camper:

I am writing to notify you that Molycorp, Inc. is hereby withdrawing its proposed License Amendment request submitted on July 14, 2000, which provides for on-site disposal as detailed in Part 2 of Molycorp's Decommissioning Plan for the Washington, PA facility. While Molycorp still will decommission the facility as detailed in the approved Decommissioning Plan, Part 1 Molycorp will now dispose of the material off site and will ultimately seek a release of the site for unrestricted use.

However, due to factors beyond the control of Molycorp, Molycorp will not be able to finalize arrangements for off-site disposal and then complete the decommissioning within the time frame generally provided in 10 CFR § 40.42. Accordingly, Molycorp is hereby also requesting an alternate schedule for the completion of decommissioning of the site, pursuant to § 40.42 (h) (2) (i). Molycorp's request for an alternate schedule will not increase the risk to public health and safety and/or the environment. A detailed schedule for the planned activities at Washington will be forwarded within 60 days.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



George W. Dawes
Project Manager

Xc: David Allard, PA DEP