

January 25, 2001

Mr. Robert Kossak, Manager
Kiski Valley Water Pollution
Control Authority
1200 Pine Camp Road
Leechburg, PA 15656

SUBJECT: REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINATED SLUDGE ASH LAGOON AT THE KISKI
VALLEY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TREATMENT
FACILITY

Dear Mr. Kossak:

As you are aware, as the owner of the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority Treatment (KVVWPCA) treatment facility in Vandergrift, Pennsylvania you possess uranium-contaminated sludge ash. This material, which contains licensable quantities of source material, was reconcentrated from effluents released into your system. We appreciate that the radioactive material that you have in your possession was the result of a former licensee of the Commission releasing material within the regulatory limits in place at the time of release.

It was our understanding as a result of a meeting with you on March 30, 2000, that KVVWPCA committed to submit a feasibility study to the Commission by January 2001 which would describe the site characterization and discuss options for site remediation. However, from recent telephone conversations with you, it is now our understanding that you will not be able to submit the feasibility study in January 2001. In a telephone conversation on January 2, 2001, between you and our project manager, Rebecca Tadesse, we learned that you may have obtained an agreement from another party to pay for site characterization and remediation.

In that regard, we would like to hold a meeting with you, open to public, during February 2001, to discuss your plans and schedule to complete remediation on your site. It is important for us to understand your intent for the remediation of the site and steps to be taken to reach closure for this site remediation. Please feel free to invite any other persons to the meeting.

During the next three months, Ms. Tadesse will be out of the office. Therefore, I have asked Mr. Kenneth Kalman, to contact you to make arrangements for the meeting. Mr. Kalman can be reached at 301-415-6664. If you have any questions on this matter, please call Mr. Kalman.

Sincerely,

/RA/ R Nelson for

Larry W. Camper, Chief
Decommissioning Branch
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