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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

RE: REPLY TO A NOTICE OF VIOLATION
Docket No. 04009027
License No. SMC-1562

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to the Notice of Violation issued from the inspection at Cabot's possession only site located in Reading, Pennsylvania. The site itself is a physical part of an embankment located along the Schuylkill River. The area which contains the radioactive slag material is fenced off on four sides, however, the northern side is part of an abandoned industrial facility to which access can only be gained through the current landowner.

The fenced area is typically posted, however, the postings are routinely taken down by vandals. In response to this NOV three sides of the fenced area have been re-posted (see attached photos). In addition, Cabot will institute a surveillance program on a quarterly basis and re-post the three sides as necessary. Unfortunately, the current landowner has typically been non-responsive to Cabot's requests to enter the property. Cabot will, however, continue to contact the landowner to try and gain access. It is Cabot's understanding that the City of Reading plans on taking possession of the property in the near future. Once this possession takes place Cabot will work with them to gain access on a quarterly basis.

If the Commission has further questions regarding the Reading site please feel free to contact Mr. Timothy Knapp, Radiation Safety Officer, or myself at 610-367-1500

Respectfully,
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