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**SUBJECT: SAFETY LIGHT CORPORATION DECOMMISSIONING
COST ESTIMATES AND MEETING COORDINATION**

Dear Mr. Snyder:

This letter confirms your support for a joint meeting on January 24, 2002, with representatives from our offices, as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) Bureau of Radiation of Protection, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3 (EPA). The purpose of the meeting is to develop a shared vision for the future actions for the Safety Light Corporation (SLC) site, as agreed to during our last joint meeting on June 25, 2001, and as discussed between Rich Shipman of your staff and Marie Miller of this office on December 5, 2001. This letter also provides the results and conclusions from our review of the SLC site in Bloomsburg, PA Decommissioning Cost Estimates (DCEs) and Decommissioning Plan (DP). This review was coordinated with our Headquarters office and included PADEP's April 25, 2001 comments on these reports.

The NRC staff analyses and reports from these reviews are described in the enclosed letter to SLC. Given the significantly larger DCEs and the lack of sufficient funding to initiate any new significant site remediation activities, we need to develop a shared vision and path forward for the SLC site. During this meeting, we would like to explore further PADEP's processes under the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act. We also plan to hear from EPA staff, regarding the EPA's Superfund Program, especially the initiation of a Responsible Party Cleanup and the mechanisms and steps for possible remedial actions at the Bloomsburg site, if it were listed on the National Priorities List.

I have written to David Allard, your counterpart in the Bureau of Radiation Protection, and Abraham Ferdas, Director, Division of Hazardous Site Cleanup, EPA Region 3 to confirm their staffs' participation. Please contact Marie Miller, NRC Project Manager for the SLC site, at (610) 337-5205 to enable us to develop a shared meeting agenda.

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Thank you for your continued cooperation on this complex decommissioning site.

Sincerely,

Original signed by George Pangburn

George Pangburn, Director
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Enclosure:
NRC letter to SLC w/enclosure

cc:
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