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Mr. Melvyn N. Leach, Chief Fuel Cycle Licensing Branch Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, NMSS U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Re: Intent to Remove Buildings from Listing of Permanent Restricted Areas

Dear Mr. Leach:

Attachment 1 to the Radiation Protection Program Plan (Radiation Safety Procedure No. RSP-001) for Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (SMC), which is included by reference in License No. SMB-743, contains a listing of permanent restricted areas at the Newfield, New Jersey facility. As part of SMC's August 27, 2001 commitment to the USNRC to continue on-going efforts to reduce the number and size of the existing restricted areas within the facility, SMC is now preparing to remove the D111 Production Department, and the D102/D112 Production Department from that listing.¹

Section 5.3.3 of SMC's Radiation Safety Procedure No. RSP-012, "Control of Work", states that "the RSO shall notify the USNRC of work activities that are intended to release a permanent restricted area or with the potential for removing a permanent restricted area from the listing in RSP-001". This letter thus serves as that notification.

Within the next 30 to 60 days, subject to weather, contractor, operational, or other potential scheduling influences, SMC will begin the necessary remedial actions. All work will be performed in full compliance with the requirements of License No. SMB-743, RSP-001, and all other applicable Radiation Safety Procedures. When the remedial actions are complete, SMC will perform and document a final status survey that follows the guidance in NUREG-1575, "Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual" (MARSSIM). The final status survey report, to be enclosed with our application to amend our license to remove the aforementioned buildings from the listing of permanent restricted areas, will also include a summary of the project

¹ Written communication from D. R. Smith, (Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation) to T. S. Sherr (U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission), "Intent to Terminate Source Material License No. SMB-743", August 27, 2001.

 $^{^2}$ This provision was added to RSP-012 as part of a commitment made to the USNRC in SMC's reply to Notice of Violation (USNRC Inspection Report No. 040-07102/99-01).

At this time, we anticipate submittal of the license amendment application prior to the end of August of this year. In the meantime, please call me at (856) 692-4200, extension 226 if I can answer any questions, or provide you with additional information on this notice of intent. We will, of course, keep the USNRC informed of any significant changes to our plans and/or the schedule.

Sincèrely,

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