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Mr. Timothy Knapp
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Dear Mr. Knapp:

This letter is to inform the Cabot Corporation (Cabot) that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is authorizing release of land for unrestricted use at the Cabot site near Revere, Pennsylvania.

Cabot submitted dose assessments, in November 1997, and March 2001, to demonstrate that remediation at the site was not necessary, and that the calculated dose was below the limits in 10 CFR 20.1402 for unrestricted use of the site. Based on staff's independent review of Cabot's dose assessment, NRC concludes that the site is suitable for release for unrestricted use. Therefore, the Cabot Decommissioning Plan for the Revere site is approved, the site is removed from License SMC-1562, and the Site Decommissioning Management Plan. A copy of the amended license, with the Revere site removed, is enclosed.

The project manager for the Cabot Revere site is Theodore B. Smith. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact him at (301) 415-6721.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry W. Camper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Larry W. Camper, Chief
Decommissioning Branch
Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Docket No. 040-09027
License No. SMC-1562

cc:
Robert Maiers, PADEP
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Enclosure:
Cabot License SMC-1562, Amendment 8

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MATERIALS LICENSE

Amendment No. 8

Pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-438), and the applicable parts of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I, Parts 19, 20, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40, 51, 70, and 71, and in reliance on statements and representations heretofore made by the licensee, a licensee is hereby issued authorizing the licensee to receive, acquire, possess, and transfer byproduct, source, and special nuclear material designated below; to use such material for the purpose(s) and at the place(s) designated below; to deliver or transfer such material to persons authorized to receive it in accordance with the regulations of the applicable Part(s). This license shall be deemed to contain the conditions specified in Section 183 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and is subject to all applicable rules, regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission now or hereafter in effect and to any conditions specified below.

Licensee		
1. Cabot Corporation		3. License Number SMC-1562
2. County Line Road Boyertown, PA 19512		4. Expiration Date September 30, 2006
		5. Docket or Reference 40-9027*
6. Byproduct, Source, and/or Special Nuclear Material	7. Chemical and/or Physical Form	8. Maximum Amount that Licensee May Possess at Any One Time Under This License

A. Natural uranium and thorium

A. Any

A. 100 tons as elemental uranium and thorium

9. Authorized Use: In accordance with the statements, representations, and conditions specified in the licensee's application dated September 15, 1977, and supplements dated June 18, 1982, and May 13, 1987, the following use is authorized:

A. Possession only of contaminated material in the slag disposal area at the Reading, Pennsylvania, site. Further waste disposal at this site is specifically prohibited.

CONDITIONS

- 10. Authorized Place of Use: The licensee's facility at Tulpehocken Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.
- 11. Remediation of the slag disposal area is not authorized.
- 12. The licensee will prepare and retain waste manifests for the waste generated from the decommissioning of the Reading facility for the purpose of final disposal. The licensee is authorized to transfer these wastes in accordance with 10 CFR §40.51(b)(5) for storage at the Cabot facility in Boyertown, Pennsylvania, under license SMB-920.

*Prior to 12/93, reference Docket No. 40-6940.

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13. Access to the site will be controlled during decontamination and decommissioning activities; access to areas where radioactive waste is stored will be controlled at all times.
14. The licensee's ALARA review committee shall meet at least annually to review and make recommendations concerning radiation exposure, effluents, and contamination survey data. The committee membership shall include, as a minimum, the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO), and a representative of plant production supervision. The findings of this committee shall be documented in a report provided to the plant manager and higher levels of management as appropriate.
15. The RSO for this license is Timothy M. Knapp. The minimal technical qualifications for the position of RSO shall be a bachelor's degree in the biological or physical sciences, completion of a basic radiation safety course, and 2 years of experience in the handling of radioactive materials.
16. Deleted.
17. Deleted.
18. Release of equipment, facilities, or packages from the plant site or the uncontrolled areas onsite shall be in accordance with the attached "Guidelines for Decontamination of Facilities and Equipment Prior to Release for Unrestricted Use or Termination of Licenses for Byproduct, Source, or Special Nuclear Material," dated April 1993.
19. The licensee shall conduct at least quarterly at the Reading slag dump a monitoring program that consists of the following:
- Inspection for erosion.
 - Sampling groundwater at the base of the embankment and analyzing for, at a minimum, gross alpha and conductivity.
 - Measurement of direct radiation levels at 1 meter above the ground at all boundaries of the dump site.
- The licensee shall maintain a record of all monitoring results obtained in accordance with this license condition.
20. At the end of plant life, the licensee shall decontaminate the facilities and grounds so that they can be released for unrestricted use.

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- 21. The Reading site main processing building and surrounding areas, as delineated in Figure 1.4 on page 6 of the "Final Decommissioning Project Report for the Main Processing Building and Surrounding Area, Reading, Pennsylvania," dated May 1995 and amended by letter dated June 2, 1995, is released for unrestricted use.

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Dated: September 5, 2001

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