

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**DOCKETED 10/17/02**BEFORE THE PRESIDING OFFICER

In the Matter of)	
)	Docket No. 40-8838-MLA
U.S. ARMY)	
)	ASLBP No. 00-776-04-MLA
(Jefferson Proving Ground Site))	

MEMORANDUM REGARDING STATUS OF REVIEW OF
JEFFERSON PROVING GROUND DECOMMISSIONING PLAN

In the most recent quarterly status report regarding the decommissioning of the Jefferson Proving Ground site, filed October 1, 2002, the Army reported that the revised decommissioning plan and environmental report were submitted to the NRC Staff ("Staff") in June, 2001. The Army noted that additional information was subsequently provided in response to requests by the Staff, and that the Staff was conducting the administrative/preliminary technical review which was expected to be completed in October, 2002.

By Memorandum and Order of October 10, 2002, the Presiding Officer stated that he wished to obtain from the Staff either (1) confirmation that the pending review would be completed by October 31, 2001, and the results provided to the parties, or (2) the best current estimate as to when the review will be completed, with an explanation for the cause for the delay. The Staff completed its acceptance review of the decommissioning plan and environmental report, and accepted them for technical review, as documented in a letter to the Army dated October 1, 2002 (attached). Accordingly, the Staff has initiated a detailed technical review which is projected to be completed by October, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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this 17th day of October, 2002

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