

December 20, 2002

Mr. James Shepherd, Project Manager
Facilities Decommissioning Section
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
And Safeguards

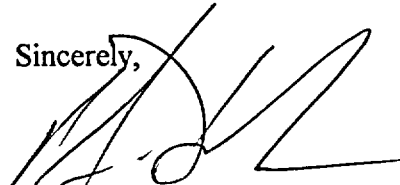
Re: NRC License Number SMB-911

Dear Mr. Shepherd:

This letter fulfills the requirement of 10 C.F.R. 40.42(d), that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") be notified within 60 days of the occurrence of any of the events contained in (d)(1)-(4) of that section. The NRC's letter of October 22, 2002 denied the renewal of the captioned license; accordingly, as of that date, subsection 40.42(d)(1) was satisfied. See 10 C.F.R. 40.42(a).

Fansteel hereby notifies the NRC of its intent to submit, within 12 months of this notification, a decommissioning plan as discussed with the NRC on December 18, 2002.

Sincerely,



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