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Mr. G. M. McCann U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Agency, Region III 801 Warrenville Road Lisle, Illinois 65032-4351

SUBJECT:

Westinghouse/Hematite Site

Dear Mr. McCann:

I wish to express our appreciation to you and Jon Peckenpaugh for having met with us to discuss coordination on the subject site this past week. I believe the more our two agencies share regarding our respective processes and perspectives the more it will pay dividends to our citizens by having an efficient and effective cleanup of the Hematite plant.

The meeting also revealed areas where the NRC, Westinghouse and the department all need to come to a better understanding. Those areas include the scheduling of the Decommissioning Plan and the Record of Decision, coordination on any interim or expedited removal action, and cleanup objectives that can satisfy both of our agencies. I urge you to consider having a meeting in the near future to work on these issues in order maintain the momentum currently in place on this project. We are flexible and open to having the meeting at your office or other locations if that would help on the planning side.

Again, I thank you for your cooperation and coordination efforts. We look forward to a continuation of this cooperation as we conduct our respective regulatory duties. Please feel free to contact me at (573) 751-6838 about this site or other sites where we have dual regulatory issues.

Sincerely,

HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

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