

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY US ARMY SOLDIER AND BIOLOGICAL CHEMICAL COMMAND 5183 BLACKHAWK ROAD ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MARYLAND 21010-5424

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF February 26, 2003

Office of the Chief, Environmental Team

Dr. Thomas McLaughlin, Project Manager
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Decommissioning Branch
Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Dr. McLaughlin:

This letter is provided to clarify the letter dated February 5, 2003, regarding the planned transfer of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) license at Jefferson Proving Ground (JPG)

The Army is presently realigning responsibilities for installation management functions. Command of JPG will shift to the Rock Island Arsenal in the near term. The Army will formally request transfer of the JPG NRC license once this realignment is executed. Until the transfer of the JPG NRC license is approved, the Army understands and agrees the current licensee, the Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, remains fully responsible for complying with all JPG NRC license requirements to ensure protection of human health and the environment.

Copies of this letter will be furnished to Mr. Davidson, ISMA, 5001 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22333-0001 and General Doesburg and Deputy Director Dr. Ferriter, US Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, 5183 Blackhawk Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5424

We look forward to working with you in the future regarding the transfer of the JPG NRC license and other issues. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-436-4659.

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