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Washington, DC 20510

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NRC is working with both Kiski Valley and Pennsylvania to select an appropriate decommissioning option for the site that jointly satisfies state and federal regulations. Specifically, NRC is working with Kiski Valley to ensure that they pursue an acceptable option for the disposition of the contaminated ash in compliance with NRC regulations. We will be interacting with Pennsylvania to clarify the State's concerns and NRC's and Pennsylvania's respective regulatory responsibilities at the site. Clarification of these issues should better enable Kiski Valley to provide an acceptable plan for disposition of the contaminated ash that meets both state and federal requirements. Mr. Kalman has already contacted Mr. Jay French, of your Pittsburgh office, and will keep him informed of the results of our meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-1700 or e-mail [wtd@nrc.gov](mailto:wtd@nrc.gov). I trust that this reply has responded to your concerns.

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