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

Dear Administrative Judges:

Pursuant to your order of May 20, 2003, Staff Counsel is to provide you and the parties his best estimate of the date on which the *Federal Register* notice of consideration of amendment and opportunity for hearing will be published. That best estimate is Tuesday, October 28, 2003.

You have hopefully already received a letter dated October 21, 2003, from Daniel M. Gillen to Dr. John M. Ferriter and a Board Notification, dated October 22, 2003, from Thomas McLaughlin, NRC Project Manager for this license. The Board Notification provides the above letter and the notice sent to the *Federal Register* for publication. Pursuant to your order, I will also promptly notify you upon publication of the notice.

Sincerely,

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