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March 25, 2004

The Honorable Beth A. Clanahan
Mayor of the City of Metropolis
City Hall, 106 West Fifth Street
Metropolis, Illinois 62960

Dear Mayor Clanahan:

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I am writing to assure you that I, and my staff, are committed to ensuring that Honeywell's NRC licensed activities are carried out in a safe manner, and in full compliance with NRC's requirements. My staff is overseeing all of the necessary components under our jurisdiction which must be completed prior to resuming plant operations, and my approach is to proceed deliberately, and to authorize the resumption of specific operating activities in a stepwise fashion, to ensure that the company is prepared to resume full operations.

Please note that effective October 1, 2003, the regulatory oversight for the Honeywell Specialty Chemicals Plant was assigned to the Atlanta office of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Additionally, you can track our activities, including our inspection reports of the Honeywell facility, on our web site which can be accessed at www.nrc.gov.

Again, thank you for your interest in our regulatory programs, and we look forward to fulfilling our common mutual interest of ensuring that the Honeywell, Specialty Chemicals Plant, is operated in a safe manner, and fully consistent with our mandate to protect public health and safety. Please feel free to contact me, members of my staff, or Mr. Robert (Bob) E. Trojanowski, Regional State Liaison Officer. Bob is on my principal staff and works exclusively with State and local governments in areas where we have a need to closely coordinate our activities with them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (404) 562-4410 or Bob at (404) 562-4427.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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