

April 22, 2004

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE REVIEW OF THE DECOMMISSIONING PLAN FOR THE
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' TOBICO MARSH
STATE GAME AREA SITE, KAWKAWLIN, MI, REVISION 1, JANUARY 2004

Dear Ms. Sobel:

By letter dated, August 8, 2003, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) informed you that the September 20, 2002, decommissioning plan (DP) for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (MDNR's) Tobico Marsh State Game Area site, was found to be insufficient to complete a detailed staff review. Our letter included a list of acceptance review comments, which outlined the deficiencies in the DP, and requested that you update and resubmit the DP.

Following your review of our August 8, 2003, letter, several teleconferences were held to discuss and clarify the acceptance review comments. These discussions led to the closure of two comments. In a letter dated November 14, 2003, NRC staff provided the status of the acceptance review comments and requested submittal of the revised DP, which should address the remaining open comments.

On January 30, 2004, you submitted Revision 1 of the DP for NRC review, approval, and incorporation, by amendment to your license, SUC-1581. We have completed the initial processing of your request. Some of our previous acceptance review comments, generally related to site characterization and source term abstraction, were not completely addressed. However, because of MDNR's approach to dose modeling and its representation of the source term in the modeling, some of the acceptance review comments related to site characterization do not need to be fully addressed for the staff to begin a detailed technical review of the DP and your dose modeling approach. Therefore, we find the DP acceptable for technical review. Please note that the technical review may identify omissions in the submitted information or raise technical issues that were not identified during our acceptance review. If that is the case, we will request additional information or clarification on these issues, during our technical review.

Also, as requested in our August 8, 2003 and November 14, 2003, letters, please submit the Preliminary Background Assessment Report (ABB Environmental Services of Michigan, Inc., April 1998), as the Report you submitted earlier contained pages in non-sequential order.

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In addition, with respect to the SCA Hartley & Hartley Landfill Site. On March 1, 2004, we accepted the DP for the SCA Hartley & Hartley Landfill Site for detailed technical review. As we previously discussed, possible future activities at your site, related to compliance with other regulatory requirements (for which SCA Services is responsible), will require communication and coordination between all involved parties. As we review your DP for the Tobico Marsh State Game Area site and SCA Services' DP for the SCA Hartley & Hartley Landfill site, we ensure this coordination.

We will inform you separately of our schedule for completing the technical review of the MNDR DP. We will also contact your staff shortly to discuss the scheduling of a site visit, annual inspection, and public meeting to solicit public comments on your decommissioning plan. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Kristina Banovac at (301) 415-5114 or klb@nrc.gov, who will be assisting on this project while Sam Nalluswami is on another assignment.

Sincerely,

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