

From: Kenneth Kalman
To: Foxragone@aol.com
Date: 4/26/04 5:58PM
Subject: Re: Earth Day in Newfield, NJ

Dear Ms. Ragone,

As you know, on August 30, 2002, Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (SMC) submitted its decommissioning plan (DP) to the NRC. The NRC staff performed an initial acceptance review of the DP, and by letter of February 28, 2003, the NRC staff rejected the DP because it did not contain sufficient information to continue a more detailed technical review. Since then, the NRC staff has been working to provide SMC with guidance for submitting a complete and high-quality DP. The guidance that we are developing will have implications on other licensees and it has taken somewhat longer than expected to resolve internal policy issues. We anticipate being able to provide the interim guidance to SMC in May 2004 and meeting with SMC in June 2004 to discuss the guidance. This will give SMC ample time to read the guidance and formulate any questions it may have. After the June meeting we will expect SMC to commit to a schedule for submittal of its DP.

In a related matter, as the NRC Project Manager for the SMC site, I have had several conversations with Ms. Loretta Williams regarding her concerns, especially her concern over the possibility of the radioactive isotope Lead 210 (Pb-210), leaching into the groundwater. The NRC staff has also discussed this issue with staff at SMC, NJDEP, and EPA. The groundwater characterization data that SMC conducted did not identify NRC-licensed radioisotopes above the EPA screening limit (5 picocuries per liter (pCi/l) gross alpha and 50 pCi/l gross beta) in the groundwater, except in the immediate vicinity of the slag pile. During an NRC inspection, which was conducted on April 7, 2004, groundwater samples were collected and will be analyzed for radioactive contaminants. Based on these analyses, we will be able to determine whether there is an increase in gross alpha or gross beta activity that may be attributable to licensed radioisotopes at SMC.

If you have any further questions, please contact me by phone at 301-415-6664 or email me at klk@nrc.gov.

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Ken Kalman, Well Earth Day has come and gone here in Newfield NJ. There has been no word to date about the progress of the DP for Shieldalloy. There has been no information on this deseminated to a broadbased public ! Please furnish the latest update on the committee's, NRC's and Shieldalloy's proposals/plans. Thank you for your consideration. Terry Ragone, Newfield resident.

CC: Cornelia Burkhalter; Marie Miller; Robert L. Johnson; Stephanie Bush-Goddard