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License Nos. 37-00030-02
37-00030-08

Abraham Ferdas
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III
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SUBJECT: SAFETY LIGHT CORPORATION

Dear Mr. Ferdas:

This letter is a follow-up to the July 8, 2004, telephone conversation with Frank Costello and Marie Miller of my staff with you and Dennis Carney of your staff regarding the Safety Light Corporation's (SLC) Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania site. As was discussed, the NRC staff has actions pending for which we request EPA comments.

We have received by letter dated April 22, 2004, a request to renew the NRC License Nos. 37-00030-02 and 37-00030-08 for the SLC site. We have initiated review of the SLC requests (Enclosures 1 and 2) and will request additional information to supplement the SLC renewal application. We have also announced in the Federal Register dated June 30, 2004 (Enclosure 3) the receipt of these applications and the opportunity to request a hearing. We are requesting your comments to assist in our review of this licensing action including SLC's request to be exempt from the NRC required decommissioning funding plan. We would benefit from a description of the actions that could be taken if the site would, at some point, become a federal liability. We understand that under the existing EPA Administrative Order of Consent with SLC, certain emergency actions could be taken to stabilize and secure the site.

The SLC site is one of NRC's more complex decommissioning sites. The NRC staff recommendations and review of alternatives will be detailed in a Commission Paper. To fully inform the Commission, we believe it is important to include EPA's views. So that we may consider your comments, we would appreciate receipt of your comments by August 16, 2004.

Lastly, a predecisional enforcement conference between NRC staff and SLC has been schedule for July 20, 2004. This conference is a closed meeting, but we have arranged for representatives from your office and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to observe these discussions.

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Marie Miller, Project Manager of Safety Light, is available for questions concerning these submittals. She or I can be reached at 610-337-5205 or 610-337-5281.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Francis M. Costello

George Pangburn, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

cc:
Dennis Carney, Chief, Emergency Removal Branch
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Enclosures:

1. SLC Renewal Request for 37-00030-02 (ML041310318)
2. SLC Renewal Request for 37-00030-08 (ML041310328)
3. Federal Register, June 30, 2004

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