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Samual J. Collins,
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Dear Mr. Collins:

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the timeliness and method by which Shieldalloy Metallurgic Corporation (SMC) tried to convene their Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB). The Department received an email on Monday, September 13 that the SSAB was to meet on Friday, September 17, 2004. The formal letter was not received until Tuesday, September 14, 2004.

Using the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Consolidated Guidance on Decommissioning (NUREG 1757 Volume 1, Rev. 1, Section 17.8), the Department convinced SMC that at least 2 weeks notice should be given. They subsequently cancelled the meeting. Unfortunately, this was after some members of the public had arranged to take leave from their employment for that day.

In addition, instead of publishing a notice of the meeting in a local newspaper so that all interested parties could be given the opportunity to attend, they simply asked the SSAB to use word of mouth. The letter is enclosed for your review.

We would appreciate it if the NRC could contact SMC and reiterate the appropriate meeting notice guidance for SSABs. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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