



February 16, 2005

Ms. Leah Tremper
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11545 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852

Re License SMB-911 - Invoices
Suspension of Payment on Invoice FL0014-05 and Future Invoices

Dear Ms. Tremper:

FMRI Inc. is suspending payment of invoice FL0014-05 in the amount of \$20,358 and all future invoices from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) until the decommissioning project is complete.

The only source of funds to support the FMRI operation (maintenance of health and safety, decommissioning, and payment of fees) is from contractual payments from Fansteel Inc. and from draws against the Standby Trust. FMRI has repeatedly advised the NRC that at the present time there are insufficient funds from the above sources to fully cover all required expenditures without modification to the Standby Trust agreement.

Further, FMRI believes that the priority of expenditures given the limited availability of funding should be used to maintain health and safety and to initiate the decommissioning of the site, rather than pay administrative fees.

FMRI Inc., therefore, requests that the NRC suspend collection efforts on invoice FL00014-05 and any future invoices until the decommissioning project is complete. Please contact me if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this further.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Jonathan Jackson'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

E. Jonathan Jackson
President & CEO

cc: Robert D. Carlson, OCFO/DAF/LFARB
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