MEMORANDUM FOR: James G. Partlow, Director, Division of Inspection

Programs, IE

FROM: Jack A. Hind, Director, Division of Radiation Safety

and Safeguards, Region III

SUBJECT: MC&A INSPECTION FOR COMBUSTION ENGINEERING - HEMATITE

PLANT (DOCKET NO. 70-36)

Our present Region III Operating Plan and IE Manual requires us to conduct a Material Control and Accountability (MC&A) inspection at the Combustion Engineering - Hematite facility. Last year's inspection efforts for this facility included one of our regional based security inspectors, Mr. D. Huff from Headquarters, and regional based inspectors from Region I (Mr. Arthur Della Ratta and Region II (Mr. Gilbert Nelson). We suggest that consideration be given to assembling the same team members for this year's inspection effort. Each member is already familiar with the site and licensee personnel who are directly involved with the inspection effort. If granted, the supplemental inspection expertise will allow our inspection activities to be completed and will provide an added level of assurance that the licensee is properly implementing their program.

Comprehensive team inspection efforts for the last several years have identified and corrected several fundamental problems with the licensee's MC&A program. We feel that these team inspections are necessary to assure the adequacy of the licensee's MC&A program.

We request you consider our request for supplemental inspection assistance. The inspection is currently scheduled in the July time frame.

If you have any questions concerning our request, please contact J. R. Creed (FTS 388-5643) of my staff.

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