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MEMORANDUM FOR: Glen L. Sjoblom, Deputy Director, Division of Industrial and

Medical Nuclear Safety, NMSS

FROM: Charles E. Norelius, Director, Division of Radiation Safety

and Safeguards, Region III

SUBJECT: COMBUSTION ENGINEERING, INC.

HEMATITE FACILITY APRIL 23-27, 1990

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Attached is an Assessment Summary and a copy of the inspection report for the inspection performed in April 1990.

I would like to address some issues involving the team inspection which we previously discussed. Region III invited both EPA and OSHA to participate, EPA declined at that time due to scheduling problems; OSHA sent an inspector who performed a safety inspection based on their usual hazard concerns. EPA had been invited to participate at our August 6, 7, 9 and 10 routine inspection of the CE/Hematite facility, however, they declined again. Jerry Roth, Region I fuel facilities inspector, has also been invited, and George Bidinger of your staff has received a memorandum from Don Sreniawski of my staff informing him of the August inspection so that the Uranium Fuels Section could participate. Since Region III will participate in an emergency exercise at the Hematite facility on August 8, 1990, the region scheduled a routine inspection before and after the drill to make efficient use of inspector time.

As a lessons-learned, we will work closer with your staff to coordinate these special team inspections to ensure the team composition contains necessary disciplines to meet the inspection program objectives. To that end, we will ensure our team inspection plans are reviewed by your staff. Further, we have requested the assistance of your staff to examine some special criticality issues.

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Should you have any questions regarding this material, please contact Don Sreniawski (388-5611) of my staff.

Charles E. Norelius, Director Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards

Attachments: As stated

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