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Dear Ms. Ullrich:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) Bureau of Environmental Radiation (BER) reviewed the August 8, 2005 DRAFT document: (Docket No. 030-05233) *Environmental Assessment Related to an Amendment of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Materials License No. 29-00304-02, Issued to Conopco, Inc. dba Unilever Research and Development (Unilever)*.

The results of the fixed and removable contamination surveys indicate levels well below the screening criteria values in NUREG-1757. These results comply with the Department's remediation criteria of 15 mrem/y (N.J.A.C. 7:28-12.8(a)).

The BER agrees with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Environmental Assessment conclusion that a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate for the proposed action to terminate Materials License No. 29-00304-02 and release the facility at 454 River Road, Edgewater, New Jersey for unrestricted use.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this Environmental Assessment. Please contact Ed Truskowski at (609) 984-5542, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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