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Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

**Re: Action Plan for Phased Approach (License No. SMB-743, Control No. 132074)**

Dear Mr. Kalman:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that we have modified our schedule for submitting the revision of the decommissioning plan for Newfield. The Decommissioning Plan, Rev.1 is now scheduled to be submitted to USNRC on or before October 24, 2005. This modification is still consistent with the estimated schedule USNRC has posted on their webpage at <http://www.nrc.gov/info-finder/decommissioning/complex/index.html>

On February 23, 2005, Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (SMC) submitted a schedule for completing three key components of our revised decommissioning plan as part of a phased approach. Those components were: (1) a Draft of Chapter 5 of the revised plan (entitled "Dose Modeling Evaluations") which was due to the USNRC on April 15, 2005; (2) a draft environmental report which was due to the USNRC on May 27, 2005; and (3) a draft of Chapter 7 of the revised plan (entitled "ALARA Analysis") which was due to the USNRC on September 2, 2005. At your recommendation, SMC assumed a five-week turn-around time for USNRC comments on these deliverables, and set a reasonable date for submitting Rev. 1 of the decommissioning plan by September 30, 2005.

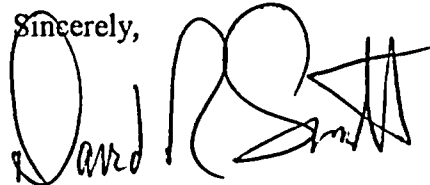
Each of the three documents was forwarded to the USNRC by or before their respective commitment dates. SMC has received formal comments on only the first document. Furthermore, the next meeting of the SMC Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) was postponed until September 21, 2005 in order to accommodate the USNRC's availability. Therefore, in order to have the time to finalize our response to the SSAB's input and to hopefully receive the

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USNRC's written comments on components (2) and (3), we have amended the schedule. SMC will be submitting Rev. 1 of the decommissioning plan on or before October 24, 2005.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to call me at (856) 692-4201, extension 226, if I can answer any questions or provide you with additional information that might help you to expedite your review of the last two components of this phased approach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Smith". The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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