

October 4, 2005

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SUBJECT: BATTELLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE'S BATTELLE COLUMBUS
 LABORATORIES DECOMMISSIONING PROJECT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2006
 MASTER INSPECTION PLAN

Dear Mr. Jacobsen:

In accordance with NRC Manual Chapter 2602, "Decommissioning Oversight and Inspection Program for Fuel Cycle Facilities and Materials Licensees," NRC Region III staff and management have developed a Master Inspection Plan (MIP) for the Battelle Columbus Laboratories Decommissioning Project's West Jefferson North Nuclear Sciences Site, located at West Jefferson, Ohio. The plan is based on your current performance and proposed schedule of decommissioning activities for the site from October 2005 through December 2005 (FY2006). The plan outlines how we intend to focus our Regional inspection resources to address significant ongoing decommissioning activities.

This also acknowledges receipt of Mr. Patrick Weaver's (BCLDP Oversight Program Manager) September 2, 2005 letter, Subject: "Status of Transuranic Waste (TRU) Shipments to an Offsite Receiver Facility." Because the FY2006 MIP is based, in part, on your proposed schedule of significant decommissioning and waste shipment activities for FY2006, the plan and the focus of NRC inspection activities may change to reflect a change in your planned decommissioning and waste shipment activities. In order to ensure that the FY2006 MIP remains current, we request that you keep the Decommissioning Branch staff informed of any significant changes in your proposed schedule of decommissioning and waste shipment activities. You will be informed of any significant changes to the Battelle FY2006 MIP.

We currently project that the Region may conduct 3 inspections during the months of October through December 2005. Since your Decommissioning Plan establishes a required license termination date of December 31, 2005, we are not planning any inspection activities beyond that date. The inspection procedures, which may be used during our inspections, are listed below. The use of specific procedures will depend on the decommissioning activities being conducted. The inspection procedures listed below are accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/insp-manual/inspection-procedure/index.html>.

<u>Inspection Procedure</u>	<u>Title</u>
IP 88005	Management Organization and Controls
IP 83822	Radiation Protection
IP 88104	Decommissioning Inspection Procedure for Fuel Cycle Facilities
IP 86740	Inspection of Transportation Activities
IP 83890	Closeout Inspection and Survey
IP 86740	Transportation Activities
IP 88035	Radioactive Waste Management

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We will gladly discuss any questions you may have regarding this MIP. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Mike McCann of my staff. He can be reached at (630) 829-9856.

Sincerely,
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 Decommissioning Branch

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