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Subject: Submittal of the Battelle Memorial Institute Position on Radiological Conditions of Groundwater at the West Jefferson North Site under the NRC SNM-7 License

Dear Mr. McCann:

This letter is being written to document Battelle Memorial Institute's (Battelle's) position on the radiological conditions of groundwater at the West Jefferson North Site. Battelle has met the groundwater criteria for drinking water and for non-drinking water at the Site. These criteria include first as per the Decommissioning Plan - Battelle Memorial Institute Columbus Operations, Revision 5 - Attachment 3 "*Volumetric Release Criteria Technical Basis Document*"):

- 10CFR20 Appendix B Table 2 Column 2 for non-drinking water ground water layers

And secondly the West Jefferson Site Environmental Monitoring Plan for Battelle Columbus Laboratories Decommissioning Project, Revision 1 for:

- 40CFR 141(US EPA)for the West Jefferson Site's three drinking water wells.

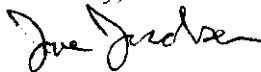
The foundation of this position is Battelle's comprehensive groundwater radiological monitoring program for the West Jefferson North Site, which has been in place since 1990. The results of the ground water monitoring program have been tabulated and presented in the annual Battelle Columbus Laboratories Decommissioning Program (BCLDP) Site Environmental Report for a number of years; this Report has had wide distribution to various DOE, NRC, and EPA offices.

Other monitoring and evaluation activities have been conducted as part of the Site surveillance and maintenance program. Two caisson wells located inside the JN-1B Facility have had documented routine radiological sampling performed for a number of years, with the data that was generated reviewed by the Site health physics staff. In calendar years 2002 and 2003, Battelle conducted a study to verify groundwater flow conditions in preparation for active decommissioning of site structures. During that on-site well drilling campaign, and prior to subsequent abandonment, radiological sampling of the constructed wells was conducted and the radiological data generated reviewed by the Site health physics staff for compliance with 10CFR20 Appendix B Table 2 Column 2 criteria.

Battelle plans on continuing with the radiological monitoring of the existing groundwater monitoring wells on the Site identified in the groundwater monitoring program through the license termination process, which is eminent. Battelle has no plans to expand its ground water monitoring program or study Site groundwater conditions any further prior to submitting the NRC Form 314 request for license termination as an unrestricted release site, as currently planned in April of 2006.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this position, please do not hesitate to call me at 614-424-4098.

Sincerely,



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