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Dear Mr. Raddatz,

The following information is provided in response to your request of October 4, 2006.

In answer to requested information related to quarterly communication checks as required by 10CFR40.31(j)(3)(xii), Honeywell Metropolis Works makes frequent routine checks with off-site response organizations and updates telephone numbers.

Honeywell Metropolis Works will include the above quarterly requirement in section 7.5 of the Emergency Response Plan. This will be completed during the renewed license 180 day implementation period.

With regard to requested information related to EPCRA responsibilities as required by 10CFR40.31(j)(3)(xiii), I hereby certify that the Honeywell, Metropolis Works facility has met and will continue to meet its responsibilities under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986, title III, Pub. L. 99-499, as required by 10 C.F.R. § 40.31(j)(3)(xiii).

The following information is provided related to the Depleted Uranium Project:

The DUF₆ was a pilot project performed in support of the Department of Energy (DOE) to determine the most effective process to handle 1.2 billion pounds of depleted uranium hexafluoride. DOE entered into a contract and paid half of the costs to develop the pilot project. The process was to convert DUF₆ into uranium oxide (U₃O₈ or UO₂), the most stable form of uranium for long-term management. The pilot plant was designed and constructed in 1997 at Metropolis Works. Commissioning activities were completed in January of 1998. Test runs were started in February of 1998 and continued through July of 1998. The process equipment has been idle since it was shut down in July of 1998.

Sincerely,


David B. Edwards
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