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January 3, 2006

James Lynch
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
2443 Warrenville Road
Lisle, Illinois 60532

Dear Mr. Lynch:

Subject: US Steel Corporation Financial Assurance Agreement

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has received and accepted an escrow agreement, dated July 31, 2006, providing financial assurance for decommissioning related to activities under MDH Radioactive Material License number 1081-101-69, formerly NRC license number 22-02973.01. MDH is listed as the beneficiary. We request the NRC release its financial assurance for decommissioning agreement for US Steel Corporation as soon as conveniently possible.

Please contact me at (651) 201-4522 if you have further questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherrie L. Flaherty", is written over a horizontal line.

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