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Mr. Gregory Fess
NRC Licensing Coordinator
Battelle Memorial Institute
505 King Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43201-2693

Dear Mr. Fess:

SUBJECT: DECOMMISSIONING PLAN (TAC NO. L21468)

We have completed our review of the Battelle document titled "Decommissioning Plan for the Battelle Memorial Institute Columbus Operations," which you submitted under a cover letter dated May 25, 1993, and have determined that your decommissioning program is adequate and acceptable.

However, with respect to Section 2.1.3.4.4 (Soil Remediation) of your Decommissioning Plan, we are hereby requesting that you provide us with clarifying information as to what is meant by the phrase "remedial action consistent with NRC-approved release criteria." That is, this section should state the specific release criteria to be used. Criteria acceptable to the NRC is presented in our "Branch Technical Position" (as published in the Federal Register/Vol. 46 No. 205, dated October 23, 1981), a copy of which is enclosed.

We would also appreciate periodic (perhaps every six months) status reports on your decommissioning activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Pierson".

Robert C. Pierson, Chief
Licensing Branch
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety
and Safeguards, NMSS