

March 19, 1998

Mr. David R. Smith
Radiation Safety Officer
Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation
P.O. Box 768
Newfield, New Jersey 08344

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF BIOASSAY PROGRAM (TAC NO. L30921)

Dear Mr. Smith:

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Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Michael F. Weber, Chief
Licensing Branch
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael F. Weber".

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