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Subject: RE: Environmental Assessment for Renewal of Whittaker Corp License

Marjorie,

Thanks for the update. Bryan Werner will be reviewing the EA and providing you with comments.

Bob

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From: Marjorie McLaughlin [mailto:MMM3@nrc.gov]
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Mr Maiers:

Good Morning,

Several months ago, I sent a Draft Environmental Assessment for Renewal of the NRC license for Whittaker Corporation in Greenville, PA and amendment of the license to allow for crushing/blending of their material to meet the Waste Acceptance Criteria at Waste Control Specialists in Texas. Bryan Werner reviewed that EA and provided me with comments.

Since that time, the proposed action to amend Whittaker's license to allow crushing/blending has hit snags with Texas. Additionally, Sciencetech (Whittaker's decommissioning contractor) has found through waste characterization at the site, that they do not possess sufficient quantities of low level material to blend to meet WCS's WAC anyway. The end result, is that Whittaker is no longer seeking approval for crushing and blending, and that they now intend to dispose of their waste as licensed material at an approved disposal facility. Whittaker is preparing their Decommissioning Plan describing this.

In the meantime, NRC is now processing renewal of Whittaker's license to allow continued D&D of the site. A new EA has been prepared for this action and the draft is attached to this message. I am providing this draft EA to PADEP for your review and comment. Again, this EA is for renewal of the license and amendment to accept DCGLs which had been proposed by Whittaker. They are using the DCGLs in support of preparing their DP. The DCGLs had also been a part of the previous EA. When the DP is received by NRC, its review will include a separate EA which will also be provided to you for comment.

I am available to answer any questions on Whittaker's actions, and may be reached by email or phone (610-337-5240)

Thank you for your assistance,

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