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SUBJECT: INSPECTION 07001143/2008001, CURTISS-WRIGHT, ELECTRO-MECHANICAL CORPORATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NRC NOTIFICATIONS (MAIL CONTROL NOS. 136231 AND 141252)

Dear Mr. Lim:

This letter forwards NRC Form 591, "Safety Inspection," indicating that no items of non-compliance were found during the above described inspection of your licensed activities. Please retain the form in your files. No acknowledgment of this letter is required. However, should you have any questions, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you.

The scope of this inspection was limited to a review of the current decommissioning status of the site. Because the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is expected to assume regulatory authority for this license after March 31, 2008, representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) accompanied the NRC during this inspection. During the inspection, we discussed notifications provided to the NRC on December 21, 2004 (radiological surveys of the ballfield area for possible future release of this area from the license) and June 27, 2007 (discovery of a uranium-235 contaminated pipe near former Building 6). We have previously discussed your radiological survey results for the ballfield area during site visits and in an October 2006 meeting at our Rockville, Maryland office. In these meetings, NRC staff communicated that due to the presence of radioactive debris previously identified in the ballfield area, a more rigorous evaluation of potential radiation doses in this area would be necessary to consider release of the ballfield area from the license. On February 28, 2008, you submitted a request to amend your license to release a portion of the Cheswick facility (the ballfield area) from the license. This request included additional analysis of the potential radiation doses from the ballfield area. As indicated during the inspection and in my previous telephone conversation with you on March 11, 2008, NRC determined that there is insufficient time to complete action on your amendment request prior to turning over regulatory authority for this license to the Commonwealth. As such, NRC is deferring this request and any follow-up on the contamination identified in the vicinity of former Building 6 to PADEP staff for action.

Current NRC regulations are included on the NRC's website at www.nrc.gov ; select **Nuclear Materials; Medical, Academic, and Industrial Uses of Nuclear Material**; then **Regulations, Guidance, and Communications Page**. The current Enforcement Policy is included on the

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NRC's website at www.nrc.gov ; select **About NRC, How We Regulate; Enforcement;** then **Enforcement Policy.** You may also obtain these documents by contacting the Government Printing Office (GPO) toll-free at 1-866-512-1800. The GPO is open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).

Please contact me at 610 337-5094 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Mark Roberts

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NRC Form 591

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