

December 4, 1996

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Dear Mr. Chabot:

We have reviewed your most recent response to our comments on the Engelhard "Final Status Survey Plan" for building interior decontamination. The purpose of the plan is to describe the final detailed approach for surveying the affected areas of the interior of the Plainville facility following decommissioning and cleanup at the Engelhard site. The plan was initially submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on June 7, 1996.

We provided comments to you concerning the plan in a letter dated August 21, 1996. You responded by letter dated September 19, 1996. Following our discussion with you by phone on November 4, 1996, in which we discussed additional concerns about action levels and the use of various probe sizes during final survey activities at the site, you faxed a letter to us on November 10, 1996. In that letter, you adequately responded to our outstanding concerns about the plan. Accordingly, this letter is to inform you that we approve of the Final Status Survey Plan for Engelhard's Plainville, MA, site.

On November 22, 1996, we received Engelhard's "Final Status Survey Report, Survey Units 1 and 2" for the building interiors at the Plainville, MA, site. We are currently reviewing this report and plan to provide comments by December 12, 1996. As we discussed, we expect to perform confirmatory survey activities, with staff from the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, during the week of January 6, 1997.

I may be reached at (301) 415-6721 should you have questions concerning this letter.

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