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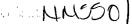
Mr. John Buckley Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Two White Flint North Building 11545 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852-2738

## SUBJECT: Docket 40-06563 License Number STB-401 Removal Schedule of URO Burials from Plant 6W

Dear Mr. Buckley:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of a modification in the schedule for removal of the URO burials located at the Mallinckrodt St. Louis Plant. As outlined in the License Amendment Request submitted to the NRC, Mallinckrodt expected that the URO burials 1 through 9 would be removed within 12 months of the License Amendment approval. Additionally, Mallinckrodt stated that URO removal would need to be coordinated with the US Corps of Engineers (USACE) in accordance with the delineation agreement concerning Plant 6W. The URO burials numbered 1 through 6 were removed in July of 2008 and the remaining 7, 8 and 9 were scheduled to be removed in July 2009.

USACE notified us on November 25, 2008 regarding potential delays in their removal activities. These delays were caused by a larger than anticipated volume of soil requiring removal from both the St. Louis Plant 6W project and the City Properties adjacent to the Mallinckrodt site: Due to this large increase in soil volume removed during the FUSRAP remediation of Plant 6W and projected increases for the FUSRAP remediation of the City Properties located immediately adjacent to the St. Louis Plant, USACE did not have the funds budgeted to perform their portion of the remediation associated with Mallinckrodt's removal of the northern CT Pits in July 2009. USACE has budgeted for the removal action to occur in the following fiscal year therefore delaying the URO burial removal until July 2010.



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Mallinckrodt does not expect the delay of the URO burials to have a negative impact on the CT Phase II Demolition & Decommissioning project. The delay of the URO burial removal may positively affect the CT Phase II D&D project schedule since the URO burials 7 through 9 are located immediately adjacent to the railspur that will be used to loadout excavated CT Phase II material and thereby reducing the project coordination issues.

Please contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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