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Environmental Programs

Mr. Keith McConnell
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US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. McConnell:

This letter requests the Suspension of BWT Technologies, Inc. (BWXT) License No.SNM-2001; Shallow Land Disposal Area (SLDA), Parks Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. This request is made in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for Coordination on Cleanup & Decommissioning of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Sites with NRC-Licensed Facilities signed on 5 July 2001 (hereinafter "MOU"), to suspend BWXT license number SNM-2001. The licensee is BWXT, whose headquarters are located at 2016 Mt. Athos Road, Lynchburg, Virginia 24505-5447. The site is located in Parks Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania and is referred to as the Shallow Land Disposal Area (SLDA). This request is made in accordance with Article III, Paragraph A of the MOU and advises that the USACE views no other document as controlling in this matter.

The USACE will take control of the SLDA site in September 2009, for purposes of control of radiation from FUSRAP radioactive waste materials subject to NRC license and will be responsible for the protection of the public health and safety from those licensed materials consistent with the provisions of Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation" and other requirements consistent with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, (CERCLA), Title 42 US Code § 9601, et seq. The USACE will conduct a response action at the SLDA site under its FUSRAP and CERCLA authorities, with regard to such materials, to meet the standards required under Title 10 CFR Part 20.1402. The USACE has no objections to NRC observing the cleanup activities.

The USACE is prepared to begin the remediation of the radioactive waste material at the SLDA by September 2009, or upon the receipt of notification from the NRC that the license has been suspended, whichever comes later.

This request for license suspension has been coordinated with Mr. Steven W. Schilthelm, the SLDA Project Manager for BWXT, who has consented to the license suspension. Copies of this letter will be provided to him at BWXT's Lynchburg, Virginia address, and to Ms. Lydia Chang and to Ms. Yolanda Norman, both of your office.

I look forward to your favorable response. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Suzanne Beauchamp at 202-761-4998, or by e-mail suzanne.m.beauchamp@usace.army.mil

Sincerely,

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