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RE: **Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment - Bell Laboratories. Murray Hill, Union County**

Dear Mr. Hammann,

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The Office of Permit Coordination and Environmental Review of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has completed its review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for License Amendment to Byproduct Materials License NO. 29-00170-03 and Source Materials License NO. SMB-1260, Incorporating the Decommissioning Plan for the Bell Laboratories Murray Hill Facility in Murray Hill, New Jersey. We offer the following comments for your consideration.

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Staff of the Radiological Assessment and Decommissioning Section (RADS) of the Bureau of Environmental Radiation (BER) performed a radiological review of the following US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) document for Bell Laboratories:

- Nuclear Regulatory Commission Docket NO. 030-05224 and 040-08478 Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment to Byproduct Nuclear Materials License NO. 29-00170-03 and Source Materials License NO. SMB-1260, Incorporating the Decommissioning Plan for Bell Laboratories Murray Hill Facility in Murray Hill, New Jersey

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The BER agrees with the NRC's Finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed action to approve the Licensee's June 12, 2008 license amendment request to incorporate the Decommissioning Plan into the license. This incorporation will result in decommissioning of the facility and subsequent release of the entire facility, except one room in the Radiation Lab, for unrestricted use and the termination of its NRC materials license. Bell Laboratories will retain its NRC license for their self-shielded irradiator.

If there are any questions concerning the comments above, please contact Ed Truskowski at (609) 984-5542.

Thank you for giving the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection the opportunity to comment on the EA and FONSI.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian P. Quinn", with a horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian P. Quinn
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Cc: Patricia Gardner, NJDEP