

September 16, 1996

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Mr. Ron Bellamy
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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**RE: TRANSMITTAL OF MODIFIED WORK PLAN
RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS SCREENING AND REMEDIATION PROGRAM
FORMER TENNECO POLYMERS (HULS AMERICA) FACILITY
FORDS, NEW JERSEY**

Dear Mr. Bellamy:

In response to our telephone discussion on Monday, September 16, 1996, I have enclosed two copies of the Work Plan prepared for the radioactive materials screening and remediation at the former Tenneco Polymers, Inc. (Tenneco) facility in Fords, New Jersey. This Work Plan was previously submitted for review by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), and the attached documents reflect changes made pursuant to NRC comments. To facilitate the review process, changes to the text have been made in bold text. Once approved, the Work Plan will be submitted to the NRC in final form without the bold highlights. Further, a copy of the finalized Work Plan will be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), Bureau of Environmental Radiation (BER) for their records.

As we discussed, the NJDEP has expressed an interest in defining a schedule for the proposed work, and Tenneco is interested in proceeding with the field work as soon as possible. Given the volume of removal work anticipated, we expect a schedule of approximately two months will be required. One goal will be to complete the work before the freezing weather. Therefore, if we can gain approval within the next few weeks, we should be able to commence work such as site-specific health and safety training during the first week of October. Under this schedule, we should be able to complete the field work by Thanksgiving.

To facilitate timely review of the Work Plan and any final modifications, I will be glad to meet with your review personnel. This should accelerate the review process and provide for immediate addition of any required new text or modification of any language that may not be clear.

I will be in contact with you on Thursday, September 19, 1996 to evaluate the potential schedule. In the interim, if you or your staff have any questions, please call me at (303) 763-8800.

Sincerely,

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