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John F. Conant
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO LETTER DATED JANUARY 31, 2012, REGARDING
THE STATUS OF DECOMMISSIONING REVIEWS FOR THE ABB INC.
CE SITE, WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT

Dear Mr. Conant:

I am responding to your letter of January 31, 2012, regarding the status of NRC's reviews associated with the decommissioning of the ABB Inc. CE site in Windsor, Connecticut.

During our teleconference on February 21, 2012, we discussed your letter to me and the status of decommissioning activities at the site. You stated that remediation work at the site has been completed as of November 2011 and that you have submitted four of the seven final status survey reports (FSSR) to the NRC. Over the past several months, we have made significant progress in reviewing various licensing submittals associated with your decommissioning activities.

We have completed our initial reviews of FSSR #1 on February 10, 2012, and issued a request for additional information (RAI) in order to complete our review of this FSSR. On February 16, 2012, we informed you that we had completed our review of FSSR #2 and that no additional information was necessary. We are currently reviewing FSSR #3. As we receive each FSSR, we have forwarded a copy to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for their review and comment. We have also recently completed our review of your request to terminate your NRC License No. SNM-1067. On February 28, 2012, we informed you that this license had been terminated and that you should only reference your NRC License No. 06-00217-06 on revised financial assurance documents that you will be submitting to us. Associated with this termination, we have been reviewing the revised decommissioning funding plan (DFP) submitted on September 2, 2011. On November 3, 2011, we issued you an RAI. We will continue our review of the DFP once we receive a response to the RAI and the revised financial assurance documents.

In addition to these licensing actions, we performed on site verification surveys and soil sampling with personnel from the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) in October 2011. We are currently working with your staff and ORISE to schedule a second on site verification visit in 2012.

J. Conant

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I share your concerns that the ABB Inc. CE site in Windsor, Connecticut be remediated in a safe and timely manner. We will continue to actively communicate with you and your staff on the status of our reviews. We are working diligently to achieve our common objective of ensuring the safe decommissioning of the ABB Inc. CE site.

Please contact me or John Nicholson of my staff at (610) 337-5236, if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Marc S. Ferdas

Marc S. Ferdas, Chief
Decommissioning Branch
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

cc:
Edward Wilds, Ph.D., Director, CT DEEP
Scott Acone, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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