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Subject: RE: Request for Comment: Draft Environmental Assessment for Authorization of Disposal of Low-Activity Radioactive Waste at US Ecology Idaho RCRA Disposal Facility

Stephen and Maurice:

Welcome back to work! It looks like a deal is imminent.

Idaho DEQ has reviewed and has no comment on the draft EA. Waste shipments to US Ecology's Grand View site must comply with the Waste Acceptance Criteria defined by US Ecology's permit.

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From: Lemont, Stephen [<mailto:Stephen.Lemont@nrc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 2:20 PM
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Subject: Request for Comment: Draft Environmental Assessment for Authorization of Disposal of Low-Activity Radioactive Waste at US Ecology Idaho RCRA Disposal Facility

Dennis,

As we discussed earlier today, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received a request from US Ecology, Inc. for exemption from licensing to receive and dispose of approximately 270,000 cubic feet of low-activity radioactive wastes at the US Ecology Idaho (USEI) RCRA Subtitle C disposal facility located near Grand View, Idaho. The wastes would consist of bulk debris and materials from the demolition of structures on the Safety Light Corporation (SLC) site in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. The SLC site (also known as the SLC Superfund Site) is listed on the National Priorities List, and is presently the subject of a remedial action by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) under CERCLA.

As part of its review process for the US Ecology request, the NRC staff has prepared the attached Draft Environmental Assessment (EA), and is requesting comments from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on this Draft EA. We typically ask for comments within 30 calendar days of your receipt of the Draft EA. However, for reasons I mentioned during our conversation today, USEPA Region 3, the lead agency for the CERCLA action at the SLC site, has requested an expedited review by the NRC. Therefore, the NRC is requesting that the Idaho DEQ please review and provide the NRC with comments on the Draft EA in less than 30 days, if possible.

Also attached is a copy of the transmittal letter to the Idaho DEQ requesting comments. The letter is addressed to Mark Dietrich, as he is the NRC Liaison; and the official transmittal package has been sent to Mark by Federal Express for scheduled delivery tomorrow morning. However, I have emailed the Draft EA to you to help accommodate your expedited review, and Mark is copied on this email. I understand that the Draft

EA will be reviewed by you and by Robert Bullock and possibly other staff in your agency. At the request of Mr. Bullock, I am also copying Brian Monson on this email.

As I also mentioned, the NRC is also conducting a safety evaluation of the US Ecology request, and the results of this evaluation will be documented in a separate Safety Evaluation Report (SER). The SER is presently under review and will be provided to your agency at a later date. The results and conclusions of the SER are summarized in the Draft EA.

When your agency's review of the Draft EA is completed, please send the comments to me, via email, at Stephen.Lemont@nrc.gov. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by phone at 301-415-5163, or by email. You may also contact Maurice Heath, who is the NRC's lead for the SER. Maurice's contact information is 301-415-3137 and Maurice.Heath@nrc.gov. Unfortunately, this is the last day you can contact us since the NRC is closing today due to the partial Federal government shutdown. You can reach us again when the government reopens, and I will check in with you when that happens.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your agency's comments on the Draft EA.

Sincerely,
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Attachments:

- (1) Draft EA
- (2) Idaho DEQ Request for Comment Letter