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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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OFFICE OF DECISIONS
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ADJUDICATION STAFF

Before Administrative Judges:
Peter B. Bloch, Presiding Officer
Richard F. Cole, Special Assistant

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In the matter of

CABOT PERFORMANCE MATERIALS
Reading, Pennsylvania

Docket No. 40-9027-MLA

Re: Site Decommissioning Plan

ASLBP No. 99-757-01-MLA

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
(Request for An Extension of Time)

Today Cabot Performance Materials (Cabot) filed a Motion for Extension of Time by facsimile transmission. It seeks until December 21, 1998 to submit an answer to the Request for a Hearing filed on November 24, 1998, by the Redevelopment Authority of Reading and the City of Reading (Petition).

In its filing, Cabot cites a November 27, 1998 Order of the Secretary of the Commission permitting Jobert, Inc. and Metals Trucking, Inc., until December 11, 1998, to file a petition for a hearing. Cabot also states that petitioners and the NRC Staff have no objection to this request for an extension of time.

Accordingly, Cabot may have until December 21, 1998, to file its answer to the Petition. In this Case, I order that *all* filings should be transmitted so that they are *received*

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by the Service List (by E-mail, facsimile, or other means) on the day on which the filing is due.

It is my understanding from informal conversations with the parties that potentially fruitful settlement negotiations are underway. As Presiding Officer, I encourage settlement.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter B. Bloch", written over a horizontal line.

Peter B. Bloch, Administrative Judge
Presiding Officer

Rockville, Maryland

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(Request for Materials License
Amendment)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LB M&O--REQUEST...EXT. OF TIME have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, except as otherwise noted and in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Sec. 2.712.

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7 day of December 1998


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