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November 26, 1979

Mr. Karl V. Seyfrit, Director United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000 Arlington, Texas 76012

Re: License No. SMB-911 IE Bulletin 79-19

Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

This letter is to inform you that Fansteel Inc., under the license SMB-911, has not generated low-level radioactive waste for transport and burial. The by-product residue from the tantalum-columbium processing is collected in lined waste storage reservior per the license agreement.

If I can be of further help, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

FANSTEEL/METALS

JAMES A. PIERRET

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