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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region III 799 Roosevelt Road Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Attention: A. B. Davis, Chief Fueling Facilty & Materials Safety Branch

Dear Mr. Davis:

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Re: Letter of A. B. Davis to Chemetron Corporation, dated November 17, 1980; Subject: License #SUB-1357; Docket #040-08724

We are in receipt of the above referenced letter and the NRC Region III inspection report #040-08724/80-01 relating to Areas C, D, E and F in Building 21, at the McGean Chemical Company, Inc. 2910 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, Ohio facility.

We request that the above referenced letter be withheld from the NRC Public Document Room until clarification and interpretation is received from NRC Headquarters in Washington and/or NRC Region III in Glen Ellyn, Illinois regarding the following matters discussed between you and Mr. G. L. Stukenbroeker on November 25, 1980 and between Mr. Stukenbroeker and Mr. D. J. Sreniawski on December 2, 1980.

It is my understanding that the NRC data accumulated on the dates of June 17-18, 1980 was discussed with Messrs. Stukenbroeker and Zellner, but that the surveys taken on the dates of September 2-5 and 18-19, 1980 were not discussed with them as mentioned in your letter. Also, I understand that Mr. Stukenbroeker informed you that Chemetron received Amendment 03 to NRC license #SUB-1357, along with a subsequent confirmation letter from Mr. Paul Quinn of NRC Headquarters in Washington, stating that Areas 21-C, D, E and F at the McGean facility were released for unrestricted use. Your letter of November 17, 1980, however, indicates that there remains one exception to release of these areas for unrestricted use i.e. survey data of beta contamination.

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We request that you send us a letter to clarify that the data from the NRC survey indicates that no health hazard exists in Areas 21-C, D, E and F of the McGean facility and to confirm that NRC Headquarters has released these areas for unrestricted use.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

C.S. Fries

Raymond S. Fries

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cc: R. J. Zellner G. L. Stukenbroeker

A member of Allegheny Ludium Industries

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Chemetron Corporation ATTN: Mr. Raymond S. Fries Two Oliver Plaza Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Mr. Robert Desman's telephone request to me on October 7, 1980, I am happy to explain what Amendment 03 to your license encompasses.

You will recall that in your letter dated February 7, 1980 (signed by George L. Stukenbroeker) radiation survey results were provided along with a request that Rooms 21-C, 21-D, 21-E, and 21-F be released from regulatory control. Additional information was later provided in your letters to us dated March 31, 1980, and May 5, 1980. Following receipt of your May 5, 1980 letter, we requested our Region III office to evaluate your radiation survey results. Finally, in a memorandum to us dated August 6, 1980, our Region III office informed us that your radiation survey results were acceptable. We then amended Condition 14 of your license by issuing Amendment 03 to your license which referenced your letters dated February 7, 1980, March 31, 1980 and May 5, 1980.

Our issuance of Amendment 03 to your license releases the above referenced rooms for unrestricted use.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Guinn Material Licensing Branch Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety

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