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Dear Mr. Bauer:

NRC's Office of Inspection and Enforcement (IE) desires to have an environmental radiation study performed by Argonne National Laboratory (ANL) in West Chicago, Illinois.

All will perform a study to define the quantity of thorium residuals in the unlicensed areas in West Chicago. All will also define suitable methods of disposing or controlling these residuals in order to most effectively protect the public health and safety. As a preliminary to the study a fence should be installed around the site or sites being studied so as to minimize public exposure and intrusion during the work and until final disposition of the radioactive materials. Funds should be set aside to remove any fencing when the thorium residuals have been removed. The study should be completed in FY 1977 with a written report submitted to the NRC.

IE obligates \$50,000 for these services. The IE technical monitor on this effort is Leo Higginbotham, Chief, Safety & Environmental Programs Branch (FTS 8-492-7367). The IE administrative monitor is Elliott Oreher (FTS 8-492-7213). Also keep MAC's Region III Fuel Facility & Materials Safety Branch Chief, James Allan (local 858-2660) informed of AML progress.

If this is acceptable, please sign and return the enclosed NRC Form 173.

4050225 900312 F01A RAZ189-376 PDR This certifies that funds are available from appropriation #31X0200.307, B&R 30-19-01. FIN A4152. Elliott A. Greher 150225 Sincerely. IE:SEB 41 IE:APS(D) IESEB IE:MIP LHigginbotham HDThornburg 200 EAGreher: kbj BHWeiss 11724/70 1124113 124116 "CC : Harold D. Thornburg, Director P. Gustafson, Ail Division of Materials Inspection Programs Office of Inspection and Enforcement partEndlosure: ABC. 11 (TADRE. FORT. 12 : #30-77-15

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Chicago Operations Office	Inspection and Enforcement	ACCOUNTIN APPROPRIATIO 31X0200.3	
PERFORMING CONTRACTOR (Lab name and Location) Argonne National Laboratory Argonne, Illinois		30-19-01 FIN NUMBER A4152	
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