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MEMORANDUM FOR: Region III Files

FROM:

A. B. Davis, Chief, Fuel Facility and Materials Safety Branch

SUBJECT:

CHEMETRON CORPORATION, NEWBURGH HEIGHTS, OHIO LICENSE NO. SUL-852 (SUPERCEDED BY SUB-1357)

Today Don Sreniawski and I made telephone calls to Paul Guinn and Mr. Desmond (Chemetron lawyer) concerning Chemetron not having available people to handle security and health and safety matters at the McGean site in Newburgh Heights, Ohio.

First we talked to Guinn to assure that our understanding of the license was correct. The license requires a representative from a Chemetron contractor to handle security and health and safety matters. The contractor, NL Industries, Inc., apparently is no longer on the job and therefore the functions are not being fulfilled. Mr. Guinn agreed that this did not meet the requirements of the license.

Don and I then called Mr. Fries who was out of town for two days. We then talked to Mr. Desmond. We pointed out the problem to Mr. Desmond and asked him to look into it and call us back telling us what actions Chemetron would take to fulfill the requirements of their license. He promised to do this and call us back tomorrow.

This matter was prompted by a telephone call from the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Chief. He was concerned on how to safely fight a fire at the Chemetron contaminated facilities. Upon looking into this matter we determined that Chemetron no longer had appropriate people there to provide information and protection for the fire fighters.

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A. B. Davis, Chief Fuel Facility and Materials Safety Branch

cc: D. J. Sreniawski