

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Chevron Research and Technology Co. Attn: Mr. John D. Wolff Senior Superfund Specialist Point Richmond Technical Center 1003 West Cutting Blvd #260 P. O. Box 4054 Richmond, CA 94804-0054

Dear Mr. Wolff:

SUBJECT: Decontamination and Decommissioning of the Multiple Failure, Plutonium Facility, and Waste Disposal Buildings, Nuclear Lake Site. Pawling, New York

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff reviewed the following reports in connection with the decontamination and decommissioning of the Nuclear Lake Site, Pawling, New York:

- 1. Final Project Report for the Decontamination and Decommissioning of the Plutonium Facility and Multiple Failure Building at Nuclear Lake, Pawling, NY, with Attachments 1 and 2, August 1993, IES Document No. 160035, prepared and submitted by NES, Inc./IES on August 31, 1993.
- 2. Addendum to the Final Project Report for the Decontamination and Decommissioning of the Plutonium Facility and Multiple Failure Building, Nuclear Lake, Pawling, NY, October 1993, IES Document No. 160047, prepared and submitted by NES, Inc./IES on October 27, 1993.

A meeting was held on November 1, 1993, between NRC staff (Tim Johnson, Dave Fauver and Sam Nalluswami) and Chevron's contractor NES/IES which was represented by Dennis Reisenweaver and Pat LaFrate. The purpose of the meeting was to clarify certain portions of the reports including some measurements and calculations.

The NRC staff reviewed the final survey data obtained by NES/IES for the Multiple Failure Building and the Waste Disposal Building, and confirmatory survey data obtained by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), presented in the draft report Confirmatory and Radiological Surveys of the Nuclear Lake Site, Pawling, New York, October 1993. These data indicated that these two buildings had been remediated to radioactivity levels acceptable for unrestricted release.

Based on these reports, the NRC staff approves the demolition of the Multiple Failure and the Waste Disposal Buildings.

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However, NES/IES agreed to clarify some portions, correct the errors and replace the addendum (Item 2 above) by November 8, 1993. A decision on the Plutonium Facility will be made after receiving the replacement addendum.

If you have any questions, please contact Sam Nalluswami, of my staff, on (301) 504-2502.

> Miemo Wenn & Sincerely. [Original signed by/ John H. Austin, Chief Decommissioning and Regulatory Issues Branch Division of Low-Level Waste Management and Decommissioning Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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