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SUBJECT: W. R. GRACE COMPANY - POMPTON PLAINS, NEW JERSEY

On November 24, 1981, I spoke with Mr. Burton Mobley of the W. R. Grace Chemical Company about his letter to Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) which questioned the necessity of ORAU's forthcoming survey of the W. R. Grace property in Pompton Plains, New Jersey. Copies of the letter were transmitted to Dr. Mott and Mr. Barber of the Department of Energy (DOE) but no copies were transmitted to the NRC. I informed him that, in the future, contacts with our contractor should be made through this office (NMSS); however, I did not see any problems with him keeping Dr. Mott of DOE informed since DOE may become involved. We agreed that formal contacts between the NRC and W. R. Grace concerning the Pompton Plains site should be made addressed to him (Burton Mobley). Mr. Mobley stated that there were some people in W. R. Grace who feel that the NRC should be forced to get a court order to get onsite. I informed him that I would check with legal council for an opinion. Today, November 25, 1981, I spoke with Mr. Mobley and Mr. Hardwicke (W. R. Grace General Council) and they informed me that W. R. Grace wishes to cooperate with the NRC in every way possible. They stated that it was not necessary to have a court order to gain access to the property and they would like to work with us on the radiological survey. They would, however, like a letter from me stating when our contractor was coming and what they plan to do. I told them that I would prepare a letter to Mr. Hardwicke. (The letter, copy attached, was mailed on November 27, 1981.) They also requested that a opportunity to see any public notice concerning this site prior to release of the notice. I informed him that we would send them a copy of any press releases prior to release for comment; however, I could not guarantee that his comments would be addressed. I also informed him that ORAU would like to make a preliminary visit the week of December 7, 1981. After which they would draw up and transmit to NRC a draft comprehensive radiological survey plan. This plan would also be submitted to W. R. Grace for their information and comment. In conclusion, it was agreed that both groups would work together during the survey and try to resolve any problems as or if any should arise.

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Mr. Burton Mobley can be reached at 301-659-9058 and Mr. John Hardwicke at 301-685-1717.

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