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Mr. Charles E. Gaskin
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555-0001

Re: License STB-401, Characterization Plan, Columbiuim-Tantalum
Plant, Mallinckrodt, Inc., St. Louis Missouri

Dear Mr. Gaskin:

Mallinckrodt Specialty Chemicals Company (MSCC), on behalf of Mallinckrodt, Inc. is submitting the enclosed Columbiuim-Tantalum Plant (C-T) Characterization Plan to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for review and concurrence prior to its' implementation. Characterization is the initial activity in the facilities' decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) process and will obtain the data necessary for development of the D&D Plan, which will be submitted to NRC for formal approval.

MSCC is prepared to implement this characterization plan upon completion of NRC review. MSCC will be pleased to meet periodically with NRC during plan review to address issues as they arise if NRC believes such would be beneficial in expediting the review process and initiation of field activity

We look forward to receipt of NRC concurrence with the plan.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Program Manager

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