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Gentlemen:

FUSRAP SITES IN OHIO

This is in response to your June 28, 1982 letter which requested information about the two FUSRAP sites located in Ohio: Clecon Metals, Inc. (now Lamotite Products) and Harshaw Chemical Company, both in Cleveland, Ohio.

With respect to the Clecon site, an access agreement was executed with Lamotite Products on December 2, 1981 that would allow DOE and its contractors to conduct a preliminary on-site engineering survey. The purpose of the survey is to determine the extent (breadth and depth) of contamination and to develop options for future remedial action operations. DOE began negotiations to obtain the access agreement with Lamotite Products more than a year before it was finally signed by all parties involved. Had an agreement been executed during late 1980 or earlier in 1981, DOE's contractors would have had the funds to conduct the engineering survey soon after the agreement was signed. However, because of the considerable time required to obtain the agreement, the available funds and contractor resources were utilized at other FUSRAP sites for which access agreements were already in existence.

As with most Federal programs, FUSRAP has experienced reductions in anticipated funding levels for FY82, which began October 1, 1981. This has necessitated a re-ordering of our programmatic priorities. Clecon is one of the FUSRAP sites for which there is no existing legislative authority and for which only preliminary studies can be conducted; no remedial action operations can be begun. Available FUSRAP funds are being used to clean FUSRAP sites for which enabling legislation exists. Further work at sites for which additional legislation is required, such as Clecon, has been deferred until after enabling legislation has been enacted by Congress. A recently completed baseline study indicated that if such legislative authority was obtained in 1984, remedial work at the Clecon and Harshaw sites would be accomplished in the 1991-1992 time period.

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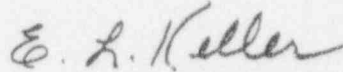
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In his August 12, 1981 letter to you, Robert W. Ramsey explained that a radiological survey of the Harshaw site was being conducted by DOE's Office of Operational Safety. That survey has not yet been completed. When it is, responsibility for any required cleanup will be assigned to this office. However, because there is no legislative authority that would permit remedial action at Harshaw, further work by our office in the near future would not be anticipated even after the site is assigned here.

For additional information about the status of the Harshaw radiological survey, you should contact William E. Mott, Office of Operational Safety at 301-353-3016. If the circumstances change that would affect our proposed actions relative to the two Ohio sites, we will so inform you. Meanwhile, if you have any further questions, please contact Kathleen F. Harer of my staff at 615-576-4450.

Sincerely,



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