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February 8, U.S. NUCLEAR REG. COMMISSION AMSS MAIL SECTION

W. T. Crcw, Section Leader Uranium Processing Licensing Section U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Crow:

I appreciated the opportunity to meet informally with you last week and discuss the GE/WMD request for approval to operate our new radioactive waste incinerator. As you could tell from the photos I showed you, the facility is a major Corporate investment and a lot of good engineering was necessary to put it in place.

Our discussion was quite useful in that we have a better perception of the environmental issues. I believe that we can clarify the misunderstanding caused by our several environmental program submissions to you.

As I reported to you, we are working with the State and have submitted a formal groundwater monitoring program to them for their review and approval. This plan, complemented by our most-recently submitted radiological monitoring program, provides a sound basis for assurance of environmental protection for the site.

It is apparent that part of the current environmental confusion was caused by historical program information which is no longer valid. I believe if we work together to review the current program it will be more productive that attempting to track the history of changes in the program.

I am pleased that you took immediate action to have two of your people visit Wilmington to personally address the open environmental and safety issues. I am sure that this direct interfacing will resolve the environmental issues so that approval to operate the incinerator will be based only upon resolution of safety concerns.

Sincerely,

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

W. J. Hendry, Manager Regulatory Compliance

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