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Mr. Michael A. Finn, Group Secretary
Metallurg Inc.
25 East 39th Street
New York, NY 10016

Dear Mr. Finn:

This letter is forwarded in support of a commitment made at a meeting held on November 3, 1993, at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission headquarters, with representatives of Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (SMC). At this meeting, I committed that NRC would attempt to respond with a decision on whether onsite disposal deserved additional consideration and would be considered a viable alternative for the SMC facilities located in Cambridge, Ohio, and Newfield, New Jersey. NRC is proceeding with the development of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) (one for each site) that will evaluate disposition alternatives for the slag piles at these sites. The alternatives being considered include onsite stabilization and disposal in addition to: (1) off site disposal at a licensed low-level waste disposal facility; (2) onsite separation processing with off site disposal; (3) onsite dilution processing and disposal; and (4) no action. Although onsite disposal has not been precluded, a decision cannot be reached until the final EIS is prepared. NRC staff will be in further contact with SMC regarding schedules for the EIS and the information that will be needed from SMC to support the EIS.

I trust that this letter responds to SMC's concerns. If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 504-3352 or Mr. John Austin of my staff at (301) 504-2560.

Sincerely, *Original signed by*
Robert M. Bernero

Robert M. Bernero, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

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