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RE: Addendum to Reply to Notice of Violation License No. SMB-1507 Docket No. 040-08948

Dear Mr. Shear:

By letter dated March 3, 1994, Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (SMC) submitted its written reply to the Notice of Violation dated February 2, 1994. The NRC staff has discussed this reply with SMC and has asked three questions concerning SMC's reply. This letter sets forth our answers to the questions, consistent with SMC's verbal responses. Also set forth below is a modification to our March 3, 1994 reply.

The first question was whether or not SMC accepts or contests Violation #2 concerning adequate security against unauthorized removal of source material from the West Pile. After due consideration and subsequent telephone conversations with individuals at the NRC, SMC accepts the violation but is modifying the response to the violation that was contained in our letter dated March 2, 1994 as follows:

The modification to our response to Violation #2 is to delete the reference to construction of a ditch. Instead, we will implement bi-monthly inspections of the West Pile to ensure that the licensed materials remain secured against unauthorized removal. This modification is consistent with SMC's re-evaluation of the details of the site, the level of

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protection afforded by the existing cover and guidance provided in subsequent conversations with NRC personnel.

The second question was whether the term "bi-monthly" as it was used in our reply means every other month or if it means two times per month. In our response bi-monthly means two times per month.

The third question was what actions SMC would take if it was discovered during the bi-monthly inspection that the sand cover on the West Pile had deteriorated and exposed the geotextile membrane. SMC's intent is to repair the sand cover prior to the next bi-monthly inspection.

This letter should answer the NRC's remaining questions as they pertain to SMC's response to the Inspection Report No. 040-08948. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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