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Dear Mr. Owen:

This letter is in response to your letter dated January 22, 1991 to Mr. Roland Lickus, NRC Region III in which you expressed concerns about offsite contamination at the Bert Avenue site in Newburgh Heights, Ohio. These concerns were discussed with members of your staff and with the licensee during meetings held in conjunction with the January 31, 1991 public meeting in Newburgh Heights. Currently, we plan to:

- Review the licensee's site characterization to determine if more extensive offsite surveys are required.
- Obtain the services of a contractor, probably Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) to evaluate the licensee's site characterization, including an evaluation of the need for additional offsite sampling.
- Arrange an aerial radiation monitoring overflight to independently assess the surface contamination in and around the Chemetron sites.

We will keep Mr. Timothy Walker or Mr. Kevin Driesbach informed of any new information as we receive it. We will also discuss the progress of our reviews and any concerns you may have in the quarterly discussions we agreed to conduct on this matter.

If you have any questions please contact me or Mr. Donald J. Sreniawski of my staff at (708) 790-5611. Thank you for your offer of assistance regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

"Original signed by W. L. Azelson"

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