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Frome Investment Company
ATTN: Mr. and Mrs. William Ellmann
28000 Weymouth
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

License No. STB-0362 (terminated)
Docket No. 040-00235 (terminated)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ellmann:

SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF FORMER ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (AEC) LICENSED SITE

This refers to the special inspection conducted by Mr. D. G. Wiedeman of this office on February 1, 1994, of your facilities located at 1950 West Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan. These facilities were previously owned by Brooks and Perkins Corporation. Licensed activities were previously authorized by Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) Source Material License No. STB-0362. The results of our preliminary survey findings were discussed with you by phone at the conclusion of the inspection on February 1, 1994. This also refers to the telephone conversation between you and Mr. D. G. Wiedeman on February 14, 1994, regarding the results of our laboratory analyses of samples collected at the time of our inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. The inspection consisted of a selective examination of representative records from the former license file, observations, independent measurements, and interviews with the current owners and occupants of the building.

Based upon this inspection, it appears that thorium may have been improperly disposed of at the site. Specifically, the thorium concentration found in the soil located behind the garage facing W. Fort Street was in excess of NRC unrestricted use criteria. The NRC criteria is described in the October 23, 1981 Federal Register, Branch Technical Position "Disposal or Onsite Storage of Thorium and Uranium Wastes from Past Operations." The radiation levels measured in this area does not constitute an immediate health and safety problem for your lessee or visitors; however, we do expect remediation of the contaminated area. Therefore, within 60 days from the date of this letter, please provide this office with your schedule and plan to characterize the extent of the contamination and decontaminate the area to current NRC release criteria.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosure, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The response directed by this letter is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL96-511.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning the inspection.

Sincerely,

Original signed by George McCann for

Gary L. Shear, Chief
Fuel Cycle and Decommissioning Branch

Enclosure: Inspection Report
No. 999-90003/94007(DRSS)

cc w/enclosure:
Kenneth Coble, Michigan
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PUBLIC (IE07)

yes
RIII *JW*
Wiedeman/sd
02/15/94

yes
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McCann
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Shear
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