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**To:** [John Ponte](#)  
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**Subject:** RE: RE: Former Seth Thomas Clock Factory - COVID-19 Impacts  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:50:00 PM

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Mr. Ponte-

I want to thank you for your timely response to my email, dated March 24, 2020, regarding impacts to your ability to maintain controls in light of the current spread of CoViD-19. I recognize this is a trying time and placing great stress on you and your efforts to clean up your site and I want to thank you for bringing your concerns to NRC's attention.

In light of the added strain from CoViD-19, I recognize that a response to NRC's request for additional information regarding the Seth Thomas cleanup plan, dated January 29, 2020, (ADAMS Accession No. ML20030A128) will be delayed. NRC will place our review of your cleanup plan on hold until your response is received.

In the interim, I would like to emphasize that maintaining controls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, as described in NRC's letters, dated June, 20, 2018, (ADAMS Accession No. ML18114A287) and October 30, 2017 (ADAMS Accession No. ML18128A336) is important to maintain public health and safety. Also, in NRC's letter, dated June 20, 2018, we stated remediation should be completed within a 5-year time period, which extends through 2023. I recognize that the financial strains you've mentioned in your email are likely to result in a significant delay in completing remediation of your site, and we are happy to discuss that at your next annual update on your progress on or before June 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at this email or by telephone at 301-415-0140.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this email will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Finally, I hope you and your staff are able to stay safe and healthy.

Respectfully,  
Christopher Grossman, Project Manager  
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**From:** John Ponte <[jponte@unimetal.com](mailto:jponte@unimetal.com)>  
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Good Morning Christopher,

Yes, this will have an enormous negative impact on GLC Associates' ability to conduct the cleanup as planned. Because of the Coronavirus outbreak, our income has slowed due to our tenants either having to shut down because they were deemed unessential and the fact that some that are just suffering from lack of work. This is putting a tremendous financial strain on us. We ask that you please give us an extension until we could regain financial stability. Thank you.....

Regards,

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**From:** Grossman, Christopher <[Christopher.Grossman@nrc.gov](mailto:Christopher.Grossman@nrc.gov)>  
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**Subject:** Former Seth Thomas Clock Factory - COVID-19 Impacts

Mr. Ponte,

On June 20, 2018, NRC confirmed, by letter, your commitment to voluntary controls to protect public health and safety due to elevated levels of radiation resulting from discrete sources of radium at your property located at 135 South Main Street, Thomaston, CT. The letter is available in NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System at Accession No. ML18114A287. NRC's ADAMS is available on the world wide web at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

I am writing to inquire whether the recent outbreak of novel coronavirus (i.e., COVID-19) in the United States has or will impact your ability to maintain the voluntary controls described by the aforementioned letter. Please respond as soon as feasible, but within 30 days.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact me at 301-415-0140 or this e-mail address.

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