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August 12, 1992

Mr. John Watkins
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Northeast District Office
2110 East Aurora Road
Twinsburg, Ohio 44087-1969

Re: Bert Avenue/Harvard Avenue Radiation Remediation
Projects - Newburgh Heights, Ohio

Dear Mr. Watkins:

We have received your request for assistance in the review of the Final Site Characterization Report, dated June 15 submitted by Chemetron Corporation. This report was compiled as required by the NRC license termination process.

Cuyahoga County Board of Health received your request August 6, 1992 during the administrative review of our solid waste program. We fully intend to review and comment on the site characterization report, however, the August 15th time frame is inadequate. Due to the depth of the report, the importance of the remediation project, and the annual solid waste survey currently underway, our review will not be completed by the 15th.

CCBH has tracked the progress of this project for a number of years now. From current available information, we can not determine the most environmentally sound solution nor can we determine the necessity of a solid waste facility PTI for what appears to be a remediation project. Use of a PTI style process may be beneficial to collect data to utilize in review of proposed engineering procedures. However, approval or disapproval of such a remediation project based upon issuing a valid PTI would seem to be inappropriate.

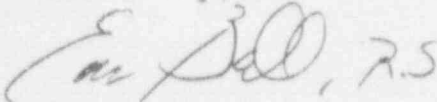
Based upon recent letters from the Ohio Department of Health and your agency, we can not ascertain if officials of Ohio are actually in a position to come to and implement a decision which will solve the problem. The difficulty in making this kind of decision seems to be similar to the difficulty Ohio currently is experiencing as a member of the low-level radioactive waste compact.

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Our interest is to obtain site remediation in an environmentally sound manner. Remediation could be either on-site, off-site or a combination thereof. When we are able to complete a review of the plan we will then be willing to meet any or all parties involved to facilitate this remediation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Eric Ball, R.S.", written in a cursive style.

Eric Ball, R.S., Supervisor
Environmental Control Division

cc: Cathy Edwards, Mayor, Village of Newburgh Hts.
Charles Norelius, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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