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Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Your letter of April 22, 1996 addresses three issues that require resolution before you can approve the remediation plans for the Harvard and Bert Avenue sites. The first issue, Sampling Protocol, applies to both sites, while the other two issues, Geotechnical Comments and Distribution Coefficients, apply only to the Bert Avenue site.

On April 26, 1996 a telephone conference was held among staff members of B. Koh & Associates and the NRC. In that conversation you agreed that based on the characterization results, the sampling strategy proposed by Chemetron in our letter of February 20, 1996, was acceptable for the Harvard Avenue site. Specifically, you agreed that sampling the material placed in the cell at the completion of each three foot lift was satisfactory. As a result, all issues relating to the Harvard Avenue site have been resolved.

We therefore request that the license amendment approving the Harvard Avenue site remediation be issued as soon as possible. Timely approval is critical to the success of the project since the construction contractor is ready to begin work and the construction season has already begun. We understand from our discussions with you that it is possible to issue the license amendment for the Harvard Avenue site within two weeks from our resolution of this last remaining issue.

If this schedule for issuing the license amendment cannot be met, please let me know as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

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