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SUBJECT: CONFIRMATORY SURVEY AND INSPECTION AT DOW CHEMICAL
COMPANY'S MIDLAND, MI, MAGNESIUM THORIUM REMEDIATION SITE
(NRC REPORT NO. 040-00017/97001(DNMS))

Dear Mr. Giebelhaus:

This refers to the confirmatory survey and inspection at Dow Chemical Company's Midland, Michigan site and the tour of the Bay City site on May 13 and 14, respectively, and to the assessment of the results of radioanalysis of soil samples collected during the inspection. This refers also to the discussion of our preliminary findings with you at the conclusion of the onsite portion of the inspection, and subsequently by telephone after the soil sample analyses were completed.

The primary purpose of the inspection was to conduct an independent confirmatory survey at the Midland site. The confirmatory survey was requested by Dow Chemical, to demonstrate that the Midland site, specifically the area in and around the excavation, had been effectively remediated and was below the licensee's proposed guidelines for release for unrestricted use.

Within the scope of the inspection, no violations or deviations were identified.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that Dow Chemical at the Midland site does not have residual radioactive material in excess of the NRC unrestricted release guidelines.

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Should you have any questions regarding the inspection, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Ed Kulzer at (630) 829-9875.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by T. Kozak for

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