

July 18, 1997

Mr. Sherwood Bauman Chairperson
Save the Wills Creek
Water Resources Committee
6354 Cowgill Lane
Cumberland, OH 43732

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All of your comments will be considered in developing the final EIS, however, and addressed in that document. We expect to publish the final EIS later this year. If you have any questions, please write to James Kennedy, the NRC project manager for the Shieldalloy facility.

Sincerely,

[Original signed by]
John W.N. Hickey, Chief
Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning
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Division of Waste Management
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