

December 17, 1998

Mr. Ben Baker
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 040-00017/98002(DNMS)

Dear Mr. Baker:

This refers to the inspection and the confirmatory survey of portions known as Region VA-V at the Dow Chemical Company's Bay City, Michigan, site on December 8-9, 1998. A copy of our report of this inspection is enclosed for your information.

The primary purpose of the inspection was to conduct an independent confirmatory survey of portions known as Region VA-V at the Bay City site. The confirmatory survey was requested by The Dow Chemical Company, to demonstrate that Region VA -V had been effectively remediated below the licensee's proposed guidelines for release for unrestricted use. Within the scope of the inspection, no violations or deviations were identified.

During the inspection, the NRC verified that the area known as Region VA-V was remediated in accordance with the licensee's final survey plan.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions regarding the inspection, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Ed Kulzer at (630) 829-9875, Dr. Peter Lee at (630) 829-9870 or me at (630) 829-9615.

Sincerely,

/s/ B. L. Jorgensen

Bruce L. Jorgensen, Chief
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