November 25, 1997

- Mr. Kevin L. Holsopple Radiation Safety Officer Cabot Performance Materials P.O. Box 1608 County Line Road Boyertown, PA 19512

Dear Mr. Holsopple:

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We have determined that the information provided in your letter is sufficient to begin processing your request. Please note that the additional review may identify omissions in the submitted information or technical issues not identified during the administrative review that require additional information. We will inform you separately of our schedule for completing our review.

A copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to our License Fee and Accounts Receivable Branch, Office of the Controller, which will contact you separately if the appropriate license fee has not been submitted for your request, or for billing if your request is subject to full cost recovery.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me at (301) 415-6613.

Sincerely, [original signed by] Timothy E. Harris, Project Manager Low-Level Waste and Regulatory Issues Section Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch Division of Waste Management Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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