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Dear Dr. Bellamy:

This letter is in response to your letter of January 23, 1998, to the Army Materiel Command regarding future response actions on the former Frankford Arsenal, near Frankford, Pennsylvania. The Army Material Command (AMC) has requested that this office approve transition of responsibility for future response actions at this property to the Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) program. To date, we have obtained approval from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security) to conduct a FUDS eligibility determination for the former Frankford Arsenal. We have taken action to direct the Army Corps of Engineers to perform the eligibility determination within the next two months.

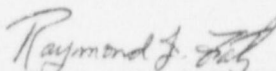
In addition, we have requested that representatives of AMC, FUDS and the Army Environmental Center (AEC) review our records regarding the cleanup of the Frankford Arsenal prior to the sale of the property by the General Services Administration in 1983. Representatives of AMC will be contacting your office in the next two months to discuss their findings and to discuss any future response actions that may be required. Both AEC and FUDS representatives will assist AMC in this effort.

I assure you that the Army is committed to seeing that the cleanup of this site proceeds as fast as possible to a satisfactory completion. We appreciate your patience, as we work through this unprecedented situation of addressing the reexamination of a former NRC licensed site.

Sincerely,

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