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Via Facsimile and U.S. Mail

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Re: Whittaker Corporation, License No. SMA-1018 (former Mercer Alloys facility,
Greenville, Pennsylvania)--Schedule for the Submittal of a New Decommissioning
Plan to the NRC

Dear Mr. Huffert:

In response to your letter dated May 7, 1998 discussed at our meeting on June 11, 1998 and your letter dated June 25, 1998, NES, Inc. ("NES") will submit a Risk Assessment to Whittaker Corporation ("Whittaker") for the Greenville, Pennsylvania site by November 1, 1998. Whittaker will review the Risk Assessment and NES will make any necessary corrections by December 1, 1998. Based on this Risk Assessment, NES will then require four months to complete a decommissioning plan. The decommissioning plan will be submitted to Whittaker for review by April 1, 1999. NES will make any necessary corrections and submit the proposed decommissioning plan to the NRC by May 1, 1999. This proposed decommissioning plan will replace the February 1996 Decommissioning Plan.

In addition to the above schedule, NES, on behalf of Whittaker, will submit a revised Groundwater Monitoring Plan to the NRC by July 31, 1998. An amendment request along with a new Surveillance Operations and Maintenance Plan will be submitted to the NRC by July 31, 1998.

Please contact me if you should have any questions concerning this schedule.

Very truly yours,

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