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**Subject:** RE: Fansteel Metals/NRC Communications.  
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Hi Mark!

Thank you for your detailed follow-up and for sharing Fansteel Metals' perspective regarding the recent engagement and ongoing communications.

I appreciate your clarifying the site's status, as well as outlining the preferred channels for future contact with Fansteel Metals. Your suggestions for streamlining communication, both formally and informally, are noted and will be shared with the relevant NRC staff.

If needed, please feel free to reach out with any further concerns.

We thank you again for your time and detailed input.

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Natasha-

Thank you for your emails.

As a follow up to the recent incident, it was expressed to us recently that the NRC was under the impression that Fansteel Metals "abandoned" the Site. We have not. As you are aware, given Fansteel Metals lack of funds, EPA assumed responsibility for the Site on October 1, 2024, almost a year after the Site was listed on CERCLA's National Priorities List. However, Fansteel Metals license is still in effect, and to the extent possible, Fansteel Metals will comply with the terms and condition of its license until it is formally terminated. We are still in active litigation against other potentially responsible parties seeking their equitable share of costs to remediate the Fansteel Site. Periodically, we need access to records on the site as well as attend to defendants that want to visit the Site and review documents.

As the NRC is aware, James Burgess has been employed by Fansteel since the early 1980s. For the last 20 years, James has been the onsite manager for Fansteel Metals, the licensee. One of his jobs was to prepare our annual report to the NRC on the decommissioning work done during the year, monies spent from the Trust and equipment released and sold. He has been responsible for the equipment release process under the license. During the NRC's annual inspections, it would review the information on the equipment released. This has been the process for over 20 years; except for the current situation. Since the site has been turned over to EPA on October 1, 2024, we have not filed any annual reports, nor have we been inspected by the NRC.

Per your direction, if we have any questions for the NRC, we will reach out to Jim Smith.

To prevent the miscommunications that have occurred over the recent situation, Fansteel Metals proposes the following if the NRC needs to contact the licensee ( this will also be shared with EPA).

- If the NRC needs to communicate via a formal letter, we request that you send it to the Site, addressed to Robert Compernelle, President Fansteel Metals. I request that you send me a copy via email.
- If the NRC can communicate with Fansteel via email, please send to James Burgess, with a copy to me.
- If the NRC needs to talk to someone for Fansteel Metals, please call me as its counsel. NRC has all our contact information.

We believe that the current situation could have been addressed quickly with a phone call. However, we recognize that the NRC had not contacted us for some time, so it did not know who to call. The NRC called me first as Fansteel Metal's counsel. If asked, I would have explained that facts surrounding the current situation, but the NRC process was already set in motion.

Let me know if the process we describe is acceptable to the NRC.

**Mark J. Steger**

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Hi Mark!

As a follow-up, if you would like to schedule a meeting to further discuss NRC points of contacts for any further concerns with NRC regulated activities, please let me know of your best date and time for availability.

Thanks!

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**Subject:** Questions about NRC's role with Fansteel!

Hi Mark!

I was informed you had questions about NRC's current inspection role with Fansteel.

*Linda- It appears that I have my questions answered about the NRC concerns. Records will be provided.*

*Fansteel has a concern with the NRC. My recollection is that the NRC had typically conducted annual inspections of the Fansteel Site. Are these inspections no longer being conducted?*

*If the NRC is no longer going to be inspecting our site nor assign an NRC Site manager, whom do we contact if an issue arises under our NRC license?*

*Please advise at your earliest convenience.*

Relative to any NRC inspection activities with Fansteel, please reach out directly to the assigned Senior Project Manager, James “Jim” Smith (301-415-6103). He is Cc’d on this email.

We appreciate your time in this matter.

Thanks :-),

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