

December 13, 1999

Mary T. McGinley
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Dear Ms. McGinley:

As requested in your letter of December 08, 1999, your request for a 30 day extension to respond to our deficiency letter dated November 22, 1999 is granted.. However, this extension is granted on the expressed understanding that Mine Safety Appliance Company (MSA) will respond to all identified issues and concerns fully and in a comprehensive manner and will provide adequate, accurate and complete backup information which will enable NRC to complete a safety evaluation of the product.

If MSA fails to provide a response by the extended date of February 1, 2000, NRC will consider your application as "abandoned" for failure to provide the requested information "without prejudice" to the re-submission of the complete application.

If you have any questions or you wish to meet with the NRC staff please do not hesitate to contact Ujagar Bhachu, one of my staff on (301)415-7894.

Sincerely,

(orig. signed by)
FSturz, for
John W. N. Hickey, Branch Chief
Materials Safety and Inspection Branch
Division of Industrial and
Medical Nuclear Safety
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

cc. Skimberly, LFDCB

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