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May 11, 2000

Michael J. Mocniak, Vice President
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SUBJECT: Agenda for May 31, 2000 Management Meeting

Dear Mr. Mocniak:

An open meeting between Fansteel Incorporated and the NRC has been scheduled to be held at the NRC's RIV office in Arlington, Texas at 9:00 a.m. on May 31, 2000. This meeting and some of the topics to be discussed were identified in the NRC's letter dated May 2, 2000, transmitting NRC Inspection Report 040-7580/00-01. A proposed agenda and meeting notice are attached. We have proposed the topics listed below for discussion.

- the February 12, 2000 Hydrofluoric acid gas event and the two associated Unresolved Items identified in the report;
- the failure to fully implement corrective actions in response to the procedures and 10 CFR 40.60 violations of November 1999;
- Phase II operations and activities to be completed to support the receipt and utilization of bulk hazardous chemicals such as anhydrous ammonia and hydrochloric acid;
- the requirements of the Fansteel license and decommissioning plan as it relates to activities discussed in this report and for Phase II operational activities.

Please be prepared to discuss these topics as well as any other matters you may wish to discuss concerning the findings of recent Fansteel inspections and the status of your startup operations.

Note that this is an open meeting that may be attended by persons from outside the NRC including members of the public. Please contact me at (817) 860-8106 or Dr. Blair Spitzberg at (817)860-8191 should you have any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Dwight D. Chamberlain, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Docket: 40-7580
License: SMB-911
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1. Meeting Agenda
2. Meeting Notice

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MEETING AGENDA

MANAGEMENT MEETING BETWEEN FANSTEEL INC. AND NRC MARCH 31, 2000

- 9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Introductions and opening remarks**
- Ellis Merschoff, Regional Administrator, NRC Region IV
Michael Mocniak, Vice President, Fansteel
- 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. Overview of inspection findings concerning the February 12, 2000
HF gas event and licensee discussion of event causes and
corrective action**
- NRC
Fansteel
- 10:00 - 10:20 a.m. Discussion of corrective action status to violations identified in
Inspection Report 40-7580/99-02**
- NRC
Fansteel
- 10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Break**
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Discussion of Fansteel plans for Phase II startup operations and
implementation of hazard controls**
- NRC
Fansteel
- 11:30 - 12:00 a.m. Conclusions and closing remarks**
- Ellis Merschoff, Regional Administrator
Michael Mocniak, Fansteel Vice President
- 12:00 noon Meeting adjourned**

May 11, 2000
NOTICE OF LICENSEE MEETING

Name of Licensee/Facility: Fansteel Incorporated

Docket: 40-7580

License: SMB-911

Date/Time of Meeting: May 31, 2000, 9:00 a.m. (CDT)

Location of Meeting: Training Conference Room , Region IV

Purpose of Meeting: Management meeting to discuss the Fansteel's February 12, 2000, hydrofluoric acid gas event that hospitalized two operators and caused a plant evacuation; and the operational readiness for reprocessing waste using hazardous bulk chemicals to recover radioactive components and rare earth metals.

NRC Attendees: Ellis W. Merschhoff, Regional Administrator
Dwight D. Chamberlain, Director,
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety (DNMS)
Karla Smith, Regional Counsel
Charles A. Hackney, Regional State Liaison Officer
D. Blair Spitzberg, Chief, Fuel Cycle Decommissioning Branch (FCDB), DNMS
Louis C. Carson II, Health Physicist/Inspector, FCDB, DNMS
William Troskoski, Senior Process Engineer/Inspector, FCSS, NMSS
Heather Astwood, Project Manager, FCSS, NMSS
Eric Leeds, Licensing Branch Chief, FCSS, NMSS

Licensee Attendees: Michael Mocniak, Fansteel Vice President and General Counsel
Frederick Dohmann, Corporate Manager
Dennis LaPoint, Consultant, Pittsburgh Minerals,
Environmental and Technology
James Burgess, Operations Manager
Monte Mooring, Plant Radiation Safety Officer

NOTE:

- (1) This meeting is open to attendance by members of the general public.
- (2) NRC personnel not listed above that desire to attend this meeting should notify Blair Spitzberg at (817) 860-8191 by COB May 25, 2000.

Approved By: IRAI
Dwight D. Chamberlain, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

cc:
Oklahoma Radiation Control Program Director