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In Re: Licensee: Molycorp, Inc.
License No: SMB-1394
Docket Nos: 040-08794 and 040-08778
ASLBP No: 00-775-03-MLA
Area of Concern Pennsylvania American
Water Company Waterline Removal
Our File No: 9016

Dear Judge Bechhoefer:

Pursuant to your Memorandum and Order dated November 1, 2000 (Modification of Filing Schedules), you have requested Canton Township advise the Presiding Officer whether Canton Township's previously expressed concern with respect to an underground waterline remains, given Molycorp's recent agreement with the Water Company for the removal of this waterline.

Canton Township reasserts its concern as it relates to the waterline which is to be abandoned, and puts forth a new area of concern with respect to the replacement waterline.

The Agency for Toxic Substance Disease Registry ("ATSDR"), an affiliate of the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, has a mandate to examine the public health risk of the Molycorp site. As set forth in Mr. Williams letter, ATSDR is preparing a public health assessment of the Molycorp facility. "Our staff is reviewing relevant environmental sampling data and exposure information from Federal, Commonwealth, and local sources. Our evaluation will summarize the extent of known environmental contaminants, review exposure data and health statistics, address community health concerns, determine if there is any significant data gaps and make recommendations for appropriate health actions."

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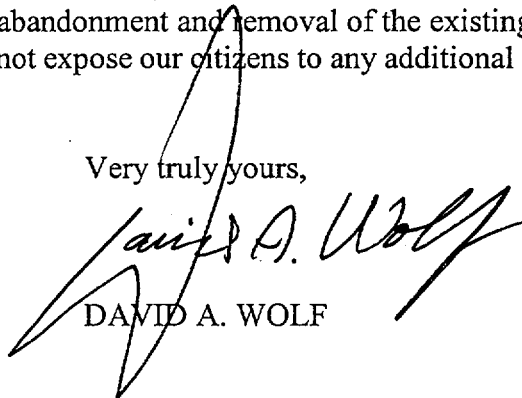
Now that Pennsylvania-American Water Company has formally abandoned the 16" waterline, with physical abandonment to occur on or before 12-15-00, Canton Township will request ATSDR, EPA, and PA DEP obtain samples of the abandoned waterline, adjacent valves and water samples, in order to evaluate the health risks associated with the same.

Additionally, Canton Township is concerned that radioactive material has migrated off-site through the existing waterline and that there may be additional contamination to the replacement line once the abandoned line is removed and contaminated soil is possibly introduced into the new line. Again, there exists a lack of detail advanced by Molycorp as to the procedure to be used in removing the abandoned waterline from the active waterline.

Canton Township is requesting that Molycorp and Pennsylvania American Water Company provide Canton Township with the procedures for switching over to the new waterline, including those procedures which will insure the health, welfare and safety of Canton Township citizens.

In closing, we are concerned that the abandonment and removal of the existing waterline, and the installation of the new waterline, will not expose our citizens to any additional health risks and injury.

Very truly yours,



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