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Dear Ms. Leithner:

This is in reference to the Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS) Vicinity Properties E', E, and G located in Lewiston, New York. In accordance with the terms of the March 1999 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (U.S. ACE), DOE is in the process of completing closure documentation for several sites remediated by DOE prior to assignment of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) to the U.S. ACE. Under contract to the U.S. ACE (U.S. ACE Contract Number DACW45-98-D-0028), Bechtel National, Incorporated (BNI), is assisting DOE in the preparation of closure documentation for eight FUSRAP sites identified by DOE as requiring further administrative action to finalize completion.

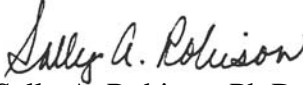
One of the sites DOE had included in its scope as requiring further administrative action are three vicinity properties located at the NFSS in Lewiston, New York. The three vicinity properties are designated as E' (i.e., E Prime), E, and G, owned by Chemical Waste Management, Incorporated. Vicinity properties of the NFSS are included within Attachment A of the MOU as a completed FUSRAP site. Prior to transition of the program, it had been the intention of the DOE to address radiological contamination at these properties through the development of supplemental limits. A radiological dose assessment for E Prime was in progress at the time of program transition.

Based on a conversation between Mr. Stephen Buechi of the U.S. ACE and Mr. Rick Cosby of BNI, it is the understanding of DOE that the Corps plans to complete or prepare hazard analyses for these three properties and undertake "closeout" as defined in the MOU. I am writing to confirm the intention of the U.S. ACE with regard to closeout of these three vicinity properties and to request documentation to that effect for the FUSRAP closeout records maintained by the Department.



I have asked Mr. Don Mackenzie of my staff to coordinate closeout of these three properties. You can reach Mr. Mackenzie at 301-903-7426 for additional assistance.

Sincerely,


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