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RADIOLOGICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF THE KELLEX SITE - PIERPONT PROPERTY

Remedial action (decontamination) activities at the former Kellex site, Jersey City, NJ, were initiated in July 1979 and completed in January 1980. About one thousand 55-gallon drums of slightly radioactive soil and rubble were removed and shipped to Barnwell, SC, for disposal. The initial effort was devoted to the decontamination of a portion of the site known as the Delco-Levco property that was being developed into a shopping center. The Delco-Levco property was successfully decontaminated and subsequently certified as meeting approved decontamination criteria, by letter dated September 14, 1979 to the property owner (Thomas Keithley) from Ruth Clausen, Assistant Secretary for Environment. In order to make informed decisions about possible additional remedial action or the suitability for certification regarding the remainder of the Kellex site (Pierpont property), more information was needed about its radiological condition. This involved a surface and subsurface characterization of this property to discern areas containing radiological contamination above background levels. The enclosed report, DOE/DP/01253-20, "Radiological Characterization of the Kellex Site," describes the results of this investigation.

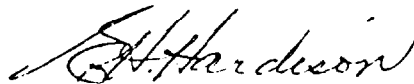
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As stated in the report "... results of the survey indicated that radio-activity levels on the site were at or near background. Small amounts of contaminated material were found but were not enough to exceed the guideline specified."

We wish to note that the certification procedure for the Pierpont property is not yet complete. A post-remedial action survey and report will be forthcoming, along with a determination regarding certification. Until the property has been officially certified as meeting the specified criteria, the property owner(s) should notify the DOE, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and local authorities well in advance regarding any plans for excavation or construction at the site.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure:  
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