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Mr. Thomas M. Gerusky, Director
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Dear Mr. Gerusky:

The Department of Energy (DOE), under its Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP), has implemented a radiological survey program to determine the radiological conditions at sites that were used by the Department's predecessor agencies. The Department has recently completed radiological surveys for three sites in Pennsylvania: the Carpenter Steel facility in Reading; the former Aeroprojects facility in West Chester; and the former ore storage site in Palmerton. These radiological surveys were performed by Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and copies of the survey reports are enclosed for your information.

The Reading and West Chester sites will be eliminated from further consideration under FUSRAP because no residual radioactivity was found during the surveys. At the West Chester site, there were allegations of the burial of small amounts of uranium. However, the amounts allegedly involved are insignificant, and no uranium was found during the survey.

At the Palmerton site, the survey results show several small, isolated spots of uranium ore contamination. Based on the survey results and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ongoing remedial efforts at the site, further DOE action at the site does not appear to be necessary.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 301-353-8149.

Sincerely,

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