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## Department of Energy

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The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Jr. 121 N. LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Mayor Daley:

Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary has announced a new approach to openness in the Department of Energy (DOE) and its communications with the public. In support of this initiative, we are pleased to forward the enclosed information related to the former Fansteel Metallurgical Corp. site in your jurisdiction that performed work for DOE's predecessor agencies. This information is provided for your information, use, and retention.

DOE's Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) is responsible for identification of sites used by DOE's predecessor agencies, determining their current radiological condition and, where it has authority, performing remedial action to cleanup sites to meet current radiological protection requirements. A conservative set of technical evaluation guidelines is used in these investigations to assure protection of public health, safety and the environment. Where DOE does not have authority for proceeding, the available site information is forwarded to the appropriate Federal or State Agency.

DOE studied the historical records of the former Fansteel Metallurgical Corp. site, and it determined that the site was not involved in the handling of radioactive materials. Nonetheless, because this site had previously been identified for investigation, these records are being furnished to you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 301-427-1721 or Dr. W. Alexander Williams 301-427-1719 of my staff.

Sincerely,

James W. Wagoner II

Director

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