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Mr. Andy Wallo
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Dear Mr. Wallo:

The Division of Remedial Action Projects staff has reviewed the authority review documents for Gardinier, Inc., Tampa, Florida; Conserv (formerly Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.), Nichols, Florida; and Blockson Chemical Co., Joliet, Illinois. Based on the content therein and in consultation with Mr. Steve Miller, Office of General Counsel (GC-11), Department of Energy, it has been determined that the Department has no authority, through the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, to conduct remedial action at the aforementioned sites. Therefore, please prepare the document packages necessary to notify the appropriate state authorities and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of our determination. Draft correspondence to transmit the documentation to both the state of interest and the EPA should be included in the package.

If there are any questions, please call me on 353-5439.

Sincerely,

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Arthur J. Whitman FUSRAP/Surplus Facilities Group Division of Remedial Action Projects Office of Nuclear Energy

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