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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Programs and Project Management

October 21, 1998

SUBJECT: FUSRAP Former Bliss & Laughlin Site Proposed Plan

Dr. Paul Merges, Director
Bureau of Pesticides and Radiation
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, New York 12233-7255

Dear Dr. Merges:

In the absence of the District Commander, I am sending two copies of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) former Bliss & Laughlin Site Proposed Plan for your agency's review and comment.

The preferred cleanup alternative for the former Bliss & Laughlin Site is decontamination of the building, which is identified as Alternative No. 3, and explained on Page 21 of the Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study, & Proposed Plan. This alternative presents no unacceptable risk to either workers or the general public, and can be implemented in a timely and cost-effective manner. The limited availability of the site, based on the desires of the current owner, makes it difficult to revise the schedule for the remedial action.

I apologize for our oversight in not notifying or sending you a copy of the Proposed Plan. The comment period for this plan ends on October 28, 1998. To meet the owner's schedule, I am seeking your cooperation. If I can help in any way to facilitate your review, such as providing a staff member to brief you on this plan, please contact me directly at (716) 879-4203.

Sincerely,

George B. Brooks
Deputy for Programs and Project Management

Enclosures

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