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Ms. Mary Sonntag  
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Dear Ms. Sonntag:

**FUSRAP - TOWN OF TONAWANDA LANDFILL AND FORMER BLISS AND LAUGHLIN FACILITY -  
COMMENTS ON SURVEY REPORTS**

Thank you for the comments you provided us on the survey reports for the Town of Tonawanda Landfill and the former Bliss and Laughlin Steel Company Facility. These reports were used in determining if the site residual radiological conditions satisfied the criteria for inclusion of the sites in the Department of Energy's (DOE) Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). As you know, DOE decided that the conditions warranted designation of the sites for remedial action under FUSRAP.

We have reviewed the comments and have determined that they do not affect DOE's determination to designate the properties for cleanup under FUSRAP. The purpose of the surveys are to determine if the sites satisfy the minimum criteria for inclusion into the program and not to completely characterize the sites. Site characterization will be performed as part of the remedial activities. The comments have been forwarded to the appropriate office within DOE for consideration in future reports, but no revisions to the subject survey reports are planned at this time.

Please be aware that the former Bliss and Laughlin Steel Company Facility is not one of the properties that make up the Tonawanda Site and the scope of work for the technical services contract with ENSA, Inc., only covers the Tonawanda Site.

Again, thank you for your comments and if you have any questions concerning the reports, please call me at (615) 576-7477.

Sincerely,

*Ronald E. Kirk*  
Ronald E. Kirk, Site Manager  
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