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Dear Mr. Spira:

CERTIFICATION OF THE REMEDIAL ACTION PERFORMED AT THE NIAGARA FALLS STORAGE SITE VICINITY PROPERTIES FROM 1983 THROUGH 1986

The Department of Energy (DOE) has completed radiological surveys and taken remedial actions to decontaminate the properties in the vicinity of the DOE-owned Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS) in Lewiston, New York. These vicinity properties had been contaminated by radioactive materials that had originally been stored at NFSS.

The final step in this decontamination effort is to certify that these properties are in compliance with applicable decontamination criteria and standards. This certification of compliance provides assurance that future use of the property will result in no radiological exposure above DOE criteria and standards established to protect members of the general public or site occupants. Enclosed you will find a certification statement for the properties owned by CWM Chemical Services, Inc., with the exception of properties E, E', and G.

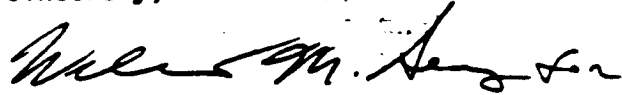
During the certification of the CWM properties, it was determined that these three properties could not be released based on available information. Property use at the time of characterization and remediation activities prevented access to several small areas that included (1) soil beneath Lagoon 6 and the berm surrounding that lagoon on Property E, (2) soil beneath a roadway and PCB storage tanks on Property E', and (3) soil beneath the liquid treatment pond on the western edge of Property G. In a letter dated March 6, 1989, it was stated that radiological post-remedial action surveys verified that remedial action had been satisfactorily completed for properties E' and G. This meant that the areas that were remediated at that time met guidelines, but it did not mean that the entire property was verified for release.

Each of the non-released areas either has the potential for residual contamination, based on historical data, or is known to contain contamination that may exceed DOE guidelines for release. It is therefore not possible to state categorically that contamination does not exist in those areas. If these areas become accessible for surveying and upon written notification by CWM that the areas are accessible, DOE will survey the areas to determine their status.

When completed, a formal certification docket will be placed in the Lewiston library. This docket will summarize all actions taken to bring the NFSS vicinity properties into compliance with DOE criteria and standards, and will provide references to all pertinent documents.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ronald Kirk at (615) 576-7477.

Sincerely,



Lester K. Price, Director
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Enclosure

**STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION: NIAGARA FALLS STORAGE SITE
VICINITY PROPERTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE
FORMER MED/AEC OPERATIONS**

The U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Operations Office, Former Sites Restoration Division, has reviewed and analyzed the radiological data obtained following remedial action at Niagara Falls Storage Site vicinity properties that were contaminated by material similar to that stored at the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works in Lewiston, New York. Based on this analysis of all data collected, the Department of Energy (DOE) certifies that the following properties are in compliance with DOE decontamination criteria and standards.

Properties owned by CWM Chemical Services, Inc., including:

A portion of Property A as described in the deed, liber 1588, pages 513 and 516.

Property B as described in the deed, liber 1588, page 516, and liber 1599, page 513.

A portion of Property D as described in the deed, liber 1599, page 513, liber 1588, page 516, and liber 1728, page 33.

Property F as described in the deed, liber 1588, pages 513 and 516.

Property H' as described in the deed, liber 1728, page 33.

Property P as described in the deed, liber 1588, page 519.

A portion of Property S as described in the deed, liber 1728, page 33.

A portion of Property T as described in the deed, liber 1588, page 519, and liber 1728, page 33.

A portion of Property U as described in the deed, liber 1588, page 519.

A portion of Property V as described in the deed, liber 1588, pages 513, 516, and 519.

A portion of Property W as described in the deed, liber 1728, page 33.

A portion of Property X as described in the deed, liber 1728, page 33.

This certification of compliance provides assurance that future use of these properties will result in no radiological exposure above applicable guidelines established to protect members of the general public or site occupants.

By:

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