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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF
CELRB-PE-EE

February 8, 2002

Mr. John Mitchell
New York Department of Environmental Conservation
Radiation Section
625 Broadway
Albany NY 12233-7255

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Enclosed are minutes from the meeting conducted with the Buffalo District project participants and SAIC, Inc., to initiate our Niagara Falls Storage Site Feasibility Study. This meeting was the typical meeting the District holds with contractors to begin a new contract. In this case, our intent was to assure that their process was consistent with CERCLA requirements and to set up protocols wherein our various contractors can interface with each other. As is evident from the minutes, specific cleanup options have not been identified, although major categories (e.g. recycle) are suggested.

Per our Feasibility Study statement of work (which you reviewed), SAIC must research potential cleanup options and provide a list to the Buffalo District before proceeding with evaluations of the options. At that point, we plan to hold a Technical Project Planning (TPP) meeting involving District personnel, SAIC, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and Region 2 EPA. By holding the TPP meeting at that point, all stakeholders will have input to the planning process before technology evaluation selection decisions are made. We expect this meeting to take place in mid to late July, but will keep you updated as the preliminary work progresses.

Sincerely,

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