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Mr. W. Librizzi
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Dear Mr. Librizzi:

The Department of Energy (DOE) has completed two radiological surveys at the former Simonds Saw & Steel Company site (presently owned by the Guterl Steel Corporation), Lockport, New York (Enclosures 1 and 2). These surveys indicated that the levels of residual radioactive material and associated radiation levels at the site are in excess of those used by DOE to determine if a site requires remedial action. However, the data did not indicate that, under the current use of the site, there was any hazard to the workers or the general public. On February 21, 1980, the State of New York was notified of these findings and took appropriate action to ensure that use of the site did not change in a manner that would place the public at risk.

The survey and very preliminary engineering analysis indicated that the contamination at this site is in a relatively stable and protected configuration. As a result, there is low potential for exposure and therefore health effects.

A review of contract records by DOE in August 1984, determined that the Department does not have authority under the Atomic Energy Act to conduct remedial action at this site. Therefore, in accordance with DOE policy, we are notifying you, and by separate letter the State of New York, of these findings so that you and the State of New York can take appropriate action to assess and resolve any problems associated with this site.

Enclosure 3 is a summary of (1) operations conducted at the site that led to the contamination, (2) our findings with regard to authority for remedial action, and (3) the radiological condition of the site.

Please contact Mr. Arthur Whitman (301-353-5439) regarding any questions on the enclosed material or if the Department can be of assistance in the assessment of the former Simonds facility.

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Sincerely,

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3 Enclosures

- Encl. 1 - 1979 Survey (1)
- Encl. 2 - 1984 Survey (10)
- Encl. 3 - Summary (10)

cc: w/o enclosures

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