

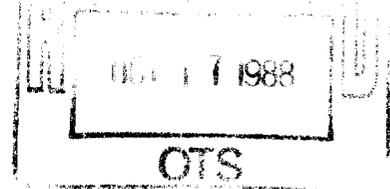


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Mr. Jonathan Strauss  
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Dear Mr. Strauss:

As you are aware, the Department of Energy is implementing a radiological survey program to determine the radiological conditions at sites that were formerly used by the Department's predecessor agencies. One such site is Ravenswood Venture site (formerly Quality Hardware & Machine Corporation) in Chicago, Illinois. This site was involved in canning unbonded uranium slugs in the mid-1940's in support of Manhattan Engineer District (MED) operations.

The uranium slug canning activity was relatively small scale and appears to have covered a short period of time. Therefore, we do not expect to find any significant levels of residual uranium at the site, and any potential exposure would be insignificant. Our records searches have not identified sufficient information to adequately characterize the radiological conditions of the site upon completion of the MED work. Therefore, a radiological survey of the facility is necessary to verify that the site meets current radiological guidelines.

As a result, we have included the site in the radiological survey program. We would like to complete a screening survey and site visit in the next few months. On the basis of the screening survey, we will determine if a comprehensive radiological survey is needed or if the site meets guidelines. In the event the surveys find residual uranium derived from Department predecessor activities in excess of guidelines, the site will be included in the Department's Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program.

I am including two copies of a consent form that will allow our contractors to conduct the required radiological surveys. Please sign the forms and return them to the Division of Facility and Site Decommissioning Projects (NE-23) at the above address and to the attention of Mr. Andrew Wallo of my staff. We will return one copy of the consent form to you after we sign it. A similar letter and request has been sent to Marden Manufacturing Co., Mr. Balonick, since they control the site as the leasee.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, the consent form, or the program, please call Mr. Wallo at 301-353-5439.

Sincerely,

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