Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP)

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

for Maywood, New Jersey





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Mr. Michael Nolan 69 Lenox Avenue Maywood, New Jersey 07607

Dear Mr. Nolan:

This letter responds to your letter to Secretary Hazel O'Leary dated May 1, 1995, regarding the Department of Energy's cleanup activities at the Maywood and Wayne, New Jersey, sites.

The cleanup activities underway at each of our Formerly Utilized Site Remedial Action Program sites, including the Maywood and Wayne, New Jersey, sites are conducted in strict compliance with the applicable regulatory requirements and protocols. Specific details of individual projects and responsibility for their day-to-day operations, are delegated by senior management to the project staff. However, I can assure you that each project is implemented within the policy and program guidance provided by senior management.

Your letter questions whether it is appropriate to allow remedial action to occur prior to a Record of Decision being issued. The activities underway at Maywood and Wayne do not circumvent the regulatory process. Removal actions and interim actions are an appropriate and integral part of the regulatory framework established under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liabilities Act. These activities are subsequently incorporated into the Record of Decision for the site.

Included with your letter were a number of attachments which appear to indicate that you are not completely satisfied with the public participation process established at the New Jersey sites. As you are aware, multiple activities are already underway to inform and involve the public, we recognize that these efforts have not completely satisfied the needs of all stakeholders. It is clear that public involvement in the decision-making process is a key issue. Accordingly, we will continue to pursue additional opportunities to involve all interested parties in this process.

Thank you for your continued interest in our remedial action program at Maywood. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (301) 903-2531.

Sincerely,

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