

February 29, 2000

The Honorable Michael R. McNulty  
Member, United States  
House of Representatives  
Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building  
Room 827  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Congressman McNulty:

I am responding to your January 26, 2000, letter to George Pangburn of our Region I Office regarding the concerns one of your constituents raised about the disposition of contaminated soil from the National Lead Site in Colonie, New York.

National Lead Industries operated the Colonie site from 1937 to 1984 where the company did electroplating and manufacturing of various components from uranium and thorium. From 1954 to 1962, the site was licensed by the Atomic Energy Commission, NRC's predecessor. In 1962, when the State of New York became an Agreement State, regulatory oversight of the licensed activities at the site was transferred to New York. After the site closed in 1984, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) assumed responsibility for the cleanup of the Colonie site under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). In October 1997, Congress transferred administration of the FUSRAP program from DOE to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

The lead State agency monitoring the activities of the Corps at the Colonie site is the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, Bureau of Radiation and Hazardous Site Management (DEC). We are forwarding copies of your letter and enclosures to the Corps and DEC for their action.

I trust this is responsive to your concerns. Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Michael R. McNulty

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