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RE: Extension Request & Update
NOV 95-39-2-2 Wellington Preparation Plant (ACT/007/012)

Dear Mr. Helfrich:

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension to abate the above cited NOV and to provide you with a brief update on progress made. Since our last extension request we have been in contact with MSHA several times to answer questions and to provide additional information. In recent conversations with Mr. Bob Cornett (MSHA), he estimated it may take them at least 6 months to evaluate the variance request. Reasons for the length of time for evaluation and responses included: 1) recent furlough of federal employees, 2) District 9 felt that it did not have the authority of approve the variance and sent it to their Pittsburgh office, 3) the matter does not provide imminent environmental danger, and 4) a delay will not put individuals out of work.

I hope this letter provides you with an adequate update and enough helpful information for you to be aware that the length of time needed is justified and is largely beyond our control.

Sincerely,

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Resident Agent/Environmental Consultant

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