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Mr. Merrill S. Hohman, Director Air and Hazardous Materials Division U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region I J.F.K. Building Boston, MA 02203

Dear Mel:

On December 17, 1981, members of my staff met with John Hackler and Barbara Ikalainen to discuss the Shapack site in Norton. This site contains radioactive waste as well as high concentrations of nickel, lead, chromium, copper and zinc. Preliminary analyses also indicate a potential for organic chemical contamination. To date, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the U.S. Department of Energy and the Norton Conservation Commission have primarily focused their investigation on radioactive waste. The Department's Hazardous Waste Section in Lakeville has developed the preliminary information that indicates additional site contamination with hazardous wastes as defined by RCRA.

I am hereby requesting your assistance in coordinating the site investigation since the mixture of radioactive waste, toxic metals, and possibly organic chemicals complicates any investigation or remedial action plans envisioned by DOE. I am requesting technical assistance to perform analyses of additional site soil, surface water and groundwater samples as well as assistance to coordinate remedial action plans to be developed and financed by DOE. Depending on the results of a hazardous waste investigation, this site could be a candidate for future Superfund consideration.

Please contact Richard Chalpin at 292-5630 if you require additional background information. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours

William F. Cass Director

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