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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Re: Aluminum Company of America Site:
EPA Order Index No. II-CERCLA-90229

Dear Mr. Florio:

Enclosed are the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) comments on the "River and Sediment Work Plan, Remedial Assessment Studies, Grasse River (RSI) Work Plan" prepared by Young-Morgan and Associates and submitted by the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA) pursuant to the above-referenced Order. These comments incorporate comments made by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) as well as the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe.

According to Paragraphs 108-110 of the Order, the RSI Work Plan must be modified in accordance with these comments within fourteen days of receipt of these comments. Representatives of EPA, NYSDEC and the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe are available to discuss these comments with you at your request.

On another matter, on June 11, 1990, ALCOA received a letter from EPA authorizing ALCOA to proceed with an analysis of alternatives and to submit to EPA for review and approval a detailed analysis of alternatives work plan. In response to ALCOA's request, EPA hereby grants an extension of the time required to submit the analysis of alternatives work plan. The analysis of alternatives work plan, which was previously due on July 26, 1990, shall be submitted to EPA no later than fourteen days after submission of the draft RSI Report.
If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Carson, of my staff, at (212) 264-6857.

Sincerely yours,

George Pavlou, Associate Director
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Enclosures

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