

May 29, 2014

The Honorable Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Casey:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of April 22, 2014, urging the NRC and its Federal partners to finalize the Site-Specific Memorandum of Understanding (SMOU) for remediation of the Shallow Land Disposal Area (SLDA) in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

The NRC has signed the SMOU and sent it to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for signature and subsequent circulation to the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management and National Nuclear Security Administration for the final signatures. We expect this process will be completed soon and that the clarification provided in the SMOU regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Federal partners will facilitate coordination and safe remediation at SLDA.

In response to your request for regular updates on our progress, I have directed the NRC's Office of Congressional Affairs to maintain regular contact with your staff on this topic. If you need any additional information, please contact me or Amy Powell, Acting Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

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