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Dear Mr. Grauwelman:

On behalf of Under Secretary Grumbly, I would like to thank you for your April 16, 1996, letter (and its May 13, 1996, amendment) and also your April 17, 1996, letter which followed the recent meetings between officials from the City of Miamisburg, the Miamisburg Mound Community Improvement Corporation (MMCIC), and the Department of Energy (DOE). Since your letters addressed various issues of concern with activities at the Mound Plant, they were forwarded to the Ohio Field Office (OH) and the Miamisburg Area Office (MB) in order to solicit their input and to provide them with the opportunity to assist in the preparation of this response.

The DOE certainly agrees that the City of Miamisburg team (i.e., the City, MMCIC, and the Mound Reuse Committee) has a significant interest in the cleanup, transition, and successful reuse of the Mound Site. The Department is committed to working with the City team and all other stakeholders to ensure that the Mound Site transition process is executed in a safe, rapid, efficient, and fair manner.

The following information is provided in response to the specific concerns raised in your letters:

A significant effort currently is underway to analyze and address the approximately 500 comments received on the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for the contract to conduct the cleanup and transition of the Mound Site. This effort is expected to address the concerns raised by the City team, and the Department will work closely with the City team to ensure that its actions and justifications in these areas are understood.

Any interaction with the City team during the procurement process will be conducted in a manner consistent with procurement integrity, conflict of interest and confidentiality requirements. The Department's efforts to inform and involve our stakeholders must be balanced against our responsibility to maintain the integrity of the procurement process. All relevant material associated with MMCIC participation is being considered, and a response to the specific MMCIC requests outlined in your May 28, 1996, letter to MB will be provided by separate correspondence. I am confident that all parties can work cooperatively to meet our mutual needs in this area.



The DOE appreciates the importance of the personal property at Mound as it affects the overall goals and missions of the City team in meeting the local community's economic development plan. Because of this, OH has established a personal property disposition process which is designed to promote the transfer of excess equipment for economic development limited only by DOE-wide policy restrictions. Specifically, the process requires the signature of the appropriate DOE field/operations office manager on equipment requests, and the City team is informed in advance of any equipment placed on the Reportable Excess Automated Property System (REAPS), the Department's excess property utilization screening system.

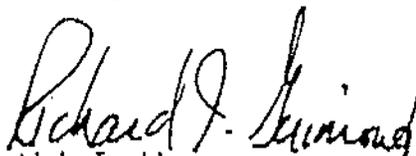
Furthering its support of your efforts, OH has established a highly-favorable consideration rate for the equipment identified for reuse by the City team, while also meeting the spirit and the intent of the DOE-wide policy which calls for the recovery of adequate value from equipment sales. This low, but defensible, consideration rate is endorsed by the Office of Environmental Management and the Office of Worker and Community Transition.

DOE acknowledges your concern regarding the estimated \$1.5M expenditure that would be required to obtain the balance of equipment desired by the City team. The DOE Office of Worker and Community Transition has indicated that part of the \$14.7M in grant funds that were made available to the City team could be used to purchase this equipment.

It is anticipated that the "sale of the site" negotiating teams, which are currently pursuing a Commerce Business Daily notice, an Agreement in Principle, and ultimately, a contract of sale, will be able to cooperatively identify and resolve all major issues associated with the disposition of Mound real property to the mutual satisfaction of all parties.

The DOE applauds the initial commercial successes achieved at the Mound Site, with over twenty businesses formed and nearly 200 persons employed. I encourage you to continue to work closely with the Department staff to allow our collective resources to be effectively brought to bear to accomplish our complementary goals of a safe, rapid, and cost effective DOE exit from an environmentally restored and commercially viable Mound Site.

Sincerely,



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