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LETTER AND COMMENTS FROM MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION REGARDING DRAFT 21 AUGUST 1997 RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES NSY PORTSMOUTH ME
11/17/1997
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RE: Draft August 21 RAB meeting minutes, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine

Dear Ken:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the document referenced above. I have included the Department's comments below.

1) Public Participation in the RAB Process

My notes indicate that following the HRA question and answer period we summed up the discussion of public participation in the RAB Process. The points I listed in my notes are:

- process not product
- fill in empty seats at the table
- regulator update
- RAB invited to technical meetings

These points were mentioned in the draft minutes except for filling in empty seats at the table.

2) Historical Radiological Assessment, p. 8

"Comment: What is the half life of cobalt-60?"

Response: It is 5.27 years. Cobalt-60 decays to stable nickel."

In my notes I wrote that Mary Marshall asked, "Isn't nickel a contaminant of concern?" suggesting that perhaps some of the nickel is a daughter product of the cobalt-60. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to write down all of Jeff Brann's response but he indicated something to the effect that we are talking about only pico Curies of material. Please included this comment and Jeff Brann's full response in the minutes.

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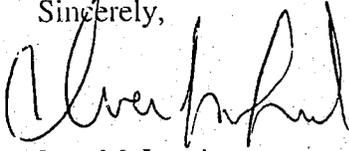
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