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Gentlemen:

I would like to thank the Department of the Army and the Army Corps of Engineers for sending representatives to meet with me to discuss the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant in Middletown, Iowa. As you are undoubtedly aware, the people of this state have a strong interest in ensuring that all appropriate steps are taken to conduct a comprehensive assessment of all radiological contamination at IAAAP. We are deeply committed to this effort, and I look forward to working with the Department of the Army and the Army Corps of Engineers to take all necessary steps to protect the health, welfare and safety of all people who access IAAAP, or reside near the site.

It is my understanding that the Secretary of the Army will secure funding during the current federal fiscal year to conduct a site-wide survey of radiological contamination at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant. It is also my understanding that the Secretary of the Army will prepare a scope of work agreement and secure a contractor to perform the site-wide survey before the end of this fiscal year. Please verify this understanding, and provide me with a description of the steps that the Department of the Army and the Army Corps of Engineers will be taking to prepare the scope of work agreement; namely, steps that will be taken to provide state officials with an opportunity to assist in the development of the parameters for the site-wide survey.

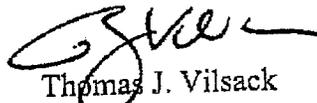
During our discussion, Army and Army Corps officials raised questions concerning the legal impact of the federal facility agreement signed by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, the commander of the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, and the Regional Administrator of the EPA in 1990, given FUSRAP funding provisions. I am hopeful that these questions can be

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resolved quickly and to the mutual satisfaction of all interested persons. Please provide me with the Department of the Army's and the Army Corps of Engineers' legal analysis on the applicability of the current federal facility agreement to current and future radiological assessment and remediation activities at IAAAP, now that FUSRAP funding has been designated.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, or any of the other issues that were raised during last week's meeting, please feel free to contact Brian Gentry at (515) 281-0208.

Sincerely,



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