

MALLINCKRODT CHEMICAL WORKS

ST. LOUIS 7, MO.

March 30, 1960

JOSEPH FISTERE
PRESIDENT

Mr. F. H. Belcher, Area Manager
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
P. O. Box 470
St. Charles, Missouri

Re: Retention of Certain Buildings
AEC Destrehan Street Plant

Dear Mr. Belcher:

In your letter of March 21, 1960, you proposed certain changes in our letter proposals dated September 18, 1959 and February 1, 1960. We have investigated the proposed changes and, after due consideration, have reached the following conclusions in each of the four cases:

1. Building 116-C

This is the old slag-handling building. Construction, floors, and foundations are especially adapted to the type operation originally performed. The floors are cut up with foundations and holes and would be of no value to us. The building does not appear to be integral with and can be removed without disturbing the wall of Building 116.

We still desire that it be removed as originally proposed.

2. Buildings 102, 102-A, 103, 131, 112 and 112-A

We concur in the recommendations to leave the floor slabs in place, subject to proper cleaning and decontamination.

3. Reduction of Radioactive Contamination

The future use of these buildings is unpredictable at the present time, but on the basis that they will be used for non-radioactive purposes, it would seem in keeping with the past and present reputation of the Company for fine, high purity chemicals that we take precautions to preserve that reputation. The presence of even minute traces of radioactive contaminants could be detrimental. In addition, radioactive contamination if left in sufficient quantity could be a potential source of concern during demolition at some later date.

The proposal to depart from the maximum acceptable contamination criteria of the Company in the case of roofs and exterior paved yard areas, slabs and platforms does not seem to be in the Company's best interest, and we therefore maintain our original position concerning contamination levels.

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4. Plant 4 - Buildings 400 and 401

These foundations would not be acceptable for any building we might decide to erect in the future in this area.

We request that the foundations along Broadway be removed as originally recommended.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Sister

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