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Dear Mr. Armstrong:

This letter is in response to your recent letter to Mr. Craig Fuller, agent for Christiana Metals, regarding the Bishop Tube site in Frazer, Pennsylvania.

Christiana Metals has retained a new environmental consultant, O'Brien & Gere Engineers, to assist it with regard to the Bishop Tube site. Christiana's prior consultant, Smith Environmental Technologies Corporation, went into bankruptcy last year. Prior to its bankruptcy, Smith performed various investigative tasks at the Bishop Tube site pursuant to a work plan approved by the Department several years ago. However, Smith did not prepare a report of the results of those investigative tasks.

O'Brien & Gere is in the process of reviewing all of the historical work and investigations at the site to date. After that review, they will prepare a report summarizing the investigations and the work which will also include a proposed plan of action going forward. This report is scheduled to be completed by the middle of June. At that time, Christiana will submit the report to the Department for its review and acceptance. After Christiana submits the report to the Department, we would like the opportunity to meet with Department representatives to discuss future actions for this site.

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Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

John J. McAleese, III

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