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January 16, 2001

Mr. Charles Findley
Acting Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

Subject: Certification of Closure of Waste Management Unit #9 (Pond 9E)
Astaris Idaho LLC (Astaris), Pocatello, Idaho
EPA I.D. No. IDD 07092 9518

Dear Mr. Findley:

Astaris (formerly FMC Corporation) completed closure of RCRA hazardous waste unit #9 (Pond 9E) at the Astaris Idaho LLC, Pocatello facility on December 5, 2000. Pursuant to the EPA-approved RCRA closure plan for Pond 9E, enclosed please find the certification that the closure was completed in accordance with the closure plan. Documentation supporting the certification, the Closure Report (for) Pond 9E Final Cap dated December 2000, is enclosed.

Pursuant to the post-closure plan, Astaris has recorded the required notice to the deed that the land use is restricted and has recorded a survey plat (as required under 40 CFR 265.116) depicting the closure area at Pond 9E. Enclosed please find a copy of the recorded "Notice and Covenants Restricting Use of Property" and survey plat for Pond 9E. In addition, Astaris filed the deed notice and survey plat with local authorities, specifically the State Emergency Response Committee (SERC) and the District V Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). A copy of the letter that transmitted these documents to the SERC and LEPC is enclosed.

Astaris has initiated required post-closure monitoring and maintenance at Pond 9E per the post closure plan component of the approved Pond 9E closure plan.

Finally, Astaris anticipates that a separate request will be forwarded to EPA Region 10 requesting a reduction in the RCRA financial assurance for the facility in recognition of completion of the closure of Pond 9E. Please feel free to contact me at (208) 236-8658 should you have questions regarding this information.

Very truly yours,

Rob J. Hartman
FMC Corporation

Enclosures

cc: Andrew Boyd, EPA w/o enclosures
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