

December 10, 2004

Tim J Bahr Florida Department of Environmental Protection Twin Towers Office Building 2600 Blair Stone Road Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400

Subject:

Onyx Special Services, Inc.

EPA ID Number: FLO 000 207 449

OGC File Number: 03-2171

Permit Number: HO37-82472-004

Dear Mr. Bahr:

Onyx Special Services (Onyx) would like to thank the DEP staff for taking the time to meet with us following the Industry Workshop on December 7, 2004 to discuss the variance for our Tallahassee facility. As was discussed at that meeting, Onyx is requesting a six month extension to the variance.

The purpose of the extension is to allow enough time for Onyx and the Department to process a modification to the facility's mercury reclamation permit. The proposed permit modification is intended to resolve a discrepancy between the facility's sampling plan and the requirements in rule 62-737.860 (4) for documenting an effective reclamation rate of greater than 99% on a semi-annual basis.

We look forward to meeting with department staff to develop a strategy which will allow Onyx the ability to comply with the regulations while eliminating the need for the variance.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact me at (850) 878-2259 or Phillip Ditter at (262) 243-8900.

Regards,

Jeff Kirk

Operations Manager

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