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Mr. John Hinton
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Dear Mr. Hinton:

I understand you have some concerns regarding enclosure (1) and have other community relations issues to discuss.

In light of this, I believe an open discussion of the roles and responsibilities associated with Technical Review Committee meetings and community relations is in order. We believe there are numerous ways we can be of assistance to each other and would like very much to pursue this discussion with you and your staff.

To initiate dialogue on these issues, we propose a meeting be held at our, or, if you prefer, your office on March (22, 23, 29 or 30), 1993. An agenda will be prepared and forwarded to you at least two weeks prior to our meeting.

Please direct your meeting attendance and arrangements response to Ms. Pam Oliver at (619) 532-1226.

Sincerely,

James Pawlisch

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Dear Mr. Hinton:

We understand the Department is interested in opening the Technical Review Committee (TRC) meetings to the general public. We feel this will conflict with the intended purpose of TRCs.

The legal requirement, 10 U.S.C. §2705 (c), for TRCs reads as follows:

"Whenever possible and practical, the Secretary shall establish a technical review committee to review and comment on Department of Defense actions and proposed actions with respect to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances at installations. Members of any such committee shall include at least one representative of the Secretary, the Administrator, and appropriate State and local authorities and shall include a public representative of the community involved."

We typically go beyond the minimal legal requirements. Representatives of the community that do participate in TRCs are local environmental groups, community planning groups, and local associations.

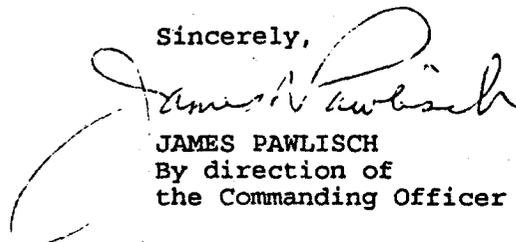
Our internal policy recommends the number of committee members be "limited to a manageable number"; that public representatives should be selected on their "technical qualifications rather than their political or activist status in the community"; and that "TRC meetings are not public meetings and should not be recorded or transcribed."

Although the TRC is intended to solicit input from a public representative of the community, its primary purpose is the discussion of often complex technical issues. At these meetings, sometimes controversial or potential emotional subjects can be approached objectively and scientifically. Opening the TRC to the general public may disrupt and further slow down the CERCLA process.

While we agree with priority the Department places upon community input, we believe the CERCLA process and the community will be better served by keeping the TRC and community relations processes separate. We do not intend to open the TRC to the general public. I am willing to discuss this issue with you if you feel our position is not acceptable to your Department.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Michael Pound at (619) 532-1152.

Sincerely,



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