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December 15, 1993

John F. Hixon,
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RE: McKenzie Street Citizens Group

Dear Mr. Hixon:

Linda Thomas and I have been retained by individuals living in the environs of your facility to respond to your November 29, 1993 to them relating to groundwater assessment. As I am sure you can understand, the letter requesting groundwater evaluation and certain air emission problems experienced by the neighbors has created some concern on their part.

This letter, therefore, requests a meeting with you as soon as practicably possible to discuss the matter. The affected individuals desire to obtain some information from you concerning (i) the reasons the Department of Navy is requesting groundwater evaluation at this time and (ii) possible ramifications if any such groundwater assessment undertaken indicates reason for further concern. Once this information is obtained, we will evaluate your input and address the request set forth in your November 29, 1993 letter with the affected individuals. To the extent the individuals determine to proceed with the groundwater testing, we will want to discuss with you establishing a protocol for split samples in order to have a set of the samples tested by an environmental contractor selected by the individuals simultaneously with the testing being undertaken by CH2M Hill in your behalf.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank for your time and cooperation.

Very Truly Yours,

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CC: Jim Habersack