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Re: *Draft November 1994 Quarterly Report*, dated July 10, 1995

Dear Mr. Chao,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received the subject document and submits the following comments. These reports are generally well written, but this one provides two features that we would like to see continued in future quarterly reports. The comments are as follows. No written response is necessary. If you have any questions, please call me at 415-744-2385.

1. The plots in Appendix C of Concentration vs. Time should be continued for applicable wells sampled each quarter. They are a useful tool to provide a snapshot of how contaminant concentrations change over time at a particular well, although a cautionary note regarding conclusions needs to be added. Each individual well's plots need to be taken into consideration with nearby wells' data. If a particular well's concentration levels drop, it may mean at least one of two things: contaminant degradation or just the movement of a "slug" of contamination. By observing nearby wells' concentrations over time, one can make better judgments about what is actually happening in the groundwater.
2. Please provide more contaminant contours in future reports, as done in this report.
3. Please use double-sided copies whenever possible.

Sincerely,

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