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for Maywood, New Jersey



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Mr. Chuck Parodi
Concerned Citizens of Maywood
48 West Grove Avenue
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Dear Mr. Parodi:

Re: United States Department of Energy Maywood Interim Storage Site (MISS)
Remediation

I have been asked to respond to your June 21, 1994 letter addressed to Governor Whitman. You requested a clarification with regard to the position that the State of New Jersey has taken relative to the cleanup of the Maywood site. More specifically you have asked for the State's position on soil washing and cleanup levels. I will answer your questions in the order presented:


1) With regard to "soil washing", the NJDEP has not endorsed the use of soil washing in order to remediate radionuclide contaminated soils contained at the Maywood Superfund site.

2) As I indicated to Mr. Michael Nolan of your group in my May 1994 letter, the NJDEP is evaluating federal cleanup proposals in light of requirements defined in N.J.S.A. 58:10B-12d(1), as it pertains to the remediation of sites contaminated with radioactive wastes. The referenced statute defines requirements placed upon both responsible parties as well as the NJDEP in performing any environmental remediation. The protectiveness criteria of 1×10^{-6} is an appropriate level for chemical contaminants, however, it may be inappropriate for radionuclides. Natural radionuclide levels can vary greatly and can exist at levels higher than those corresponding to 1×10^{-6} . As you know, the USDOE has committed to a 5 pCi/g cleanup level for residential properties. The NJDEP has agreed to a cleanup level of 5 pCi/g, thereby avoiding a delay in the remediation of impacted areas. Furthermore, I am confident that a resolution of issues surrounding non-residential cleanup criteria will be forthcoming.

I wish to take this opportunity to assure you that the NJDEP remains committed to the protection of human health and the environment and this office will continue in its efforts to ensure that the remediation of the Maywood site is accomplished so that all areas of concern are appropriately addressed.

I hope that the above information addresses your concerns. If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Bruce Venner, Chief of the Bureau of Federal Case Management, at (609) 633-1455.

Sincerely,


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