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Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP)

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# ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

for Maywood, New Jersey

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July 18, 1995

Mr. Howard E. Heller  
Kin Properties, Inc.  
77 Tarrytown Road  
Suite 100  
White Plains, New York 10607-1620

Dear Mr. Heller:

### **MAYWOOD SITE - SEARS DISTRIBUTION CENTER AT 151 MAYWOOD AVENUE**

In your June 7 letter to John M. Japp regarding the above referenced property, you asked about whether radiologically contaminated soil is present on or near the property and inquired as to what actions are being taken with respect to any contamination.

The Sears Distribution Center property is one of several commercial properties in the Maywood area designated for cleanup under the Department of Energy's (DOE) Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). Radiological material on the property, primarily the element thorium, is present at low levels and is the result of outfall from the former Maywood Chemical Works, which processed thorium-containing ores in the early to mid 1900s.

While contaminated soils exist on the Sears site, direct monitoring data illustrate that there is no associated significant health hazard under current use conditions. Furthermore, DOE, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection are evaluating appropriate actions and control measures to ensure that the soils present no future risk either. The final measures may or may not necessitate excavation of soils from the property; because of the low levels of contamination, control measures may simply involve land-use restrictions with a notice to inform the proper entities if land-use changes are foreseen or become necessary.

A final remedy selection for commercial properties such as the Sears Distribution Center is still at least a year away. Currently at the Maywood Site, our focus is on cleaning up residential properties in the Lodi area and a soil storage pile in Maywood. We are well under way with pile removal, and we begin work at the Lodi properties this fall.

In the interim, DOE is certainly available to assist the occupants of the subject property should they require information or assistance. For instance, should work at the site necessitate excavation or digging, we can provide information about the nature and extent of contamination on the property, offer support from health physics technicians to help determine the existence of contamination in work areas, and provide training overviews for those workers who may be involved in any on-site excavation activities.

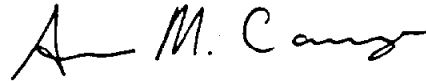
Mr. Howard E. Heller

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Please feel free to call or write directly to me if you have further questions or if you require our support. I am back full time as the site manager for the Maywood Site after a six month assignment within DOE. My phone number in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, is (615) 576-5724.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. M. Cange". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Susan Cange, Site Manager  
Former Sites Restoration Division