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To: MICHAEL NOLAN
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From: Ann L. Auerbach
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Date: August 26, 1996**Pages:** 2, including this cover sheet.**COMMENTS:**

Dear Mike:

I want to take this opportunity to respond to your fax of August 8, which I did not receive until I returned from vacation at the beginning of last week.

I was disappointed that neither you nor any Concerned Citizens of Maywood (CCM) member was in attendance at the first meeting of the Steering Committee. I was asked by the Steering Committee to reach out again to Mr. Parodi and to invite CCM to the second meeting of the Steering Committee, scheduled for September 5 at 7:00 am.

While the makeup of the Steering Committee includes people from the Coalition and from Environmental Legislative Action Committee (ELAC), it was also the wish of Department of Energy (DOE) to have other people involved. The list of names that was given to Rutgers as potential candidates for membership on the Steering Committee was based on people who had some historical interest in the site and who had involvement in site activities. Included on that list was CCM, and before I learned that Mr. Parodi was on vacation, I called him several times. When I realized he was away, I then contacted you. Ms. Lillian Single was also invited to attend.

In addition, at the first meeting of the Steering Committee, the group agreed that it was important to again invite CCM to the second meeting and to invite another Maywood community member as well. This I will do.

I understand that you and other members of CCM have asserted that you are "cut out of the loop," so to speak, regarding input to decisions being made to affect work at the site. Our invitation to CCM to be equal members of the Steering Committee that will form the eventual citizen group is an opportunity for CCM to have an equal voice in the formation of the group. Obviously, however, if you choose not to participate, the Steering Committee will go forward to

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form the citizen group without the benefit of your opinions and input.

The Steering Committee is a small working group whose only purpose is to develop a larger citizen group. Their tasks are four:

- to develop a mission statement for the citizen group
- to recommend potential members for the citizen group
- to develop by-laws for the citizen group
- to name the citizen group.

When the work of the Steering Committee is completed -- and it should take 6 - 10 meetings over a period of 2 - 3 months, it will be dissolved. In addition, those who serve on the Steering Committee are not necessarily also named to the citizen group. The purpose of using a Steering Committee to form a citizen group is to give that group a "jump start" in the sense that its mission, structure and organization are in place and it can begin to work more effectively. The time spent in good organization and clear, common understanding of purpose improves a group's ability to accomplish its goals.

While the meetings of the Steering Committee are not formal public hearings, they are working sessions devoted to the development and organization of the new citizen group. Concerned Citizens of Maywood was invited by Rutgers to participate in the first meeting; our formal invitation went to Mr. Parodi, and the informal invitation went from me to you, by phone and by fax. You are again invited to both attend and participate in the second meeting scheduled for September.

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