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March 22, 1995

Ms. Jean Angelone
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Dear Ms. Angelone:

MAYWOOD SITE - PROPERTY AT 70 WEST HUNTER AVENUE

I understand that you spoke with Wayne Scarbrough recently when he was at the Department of Energy's (DOE) public information center in Maywood about the status of your property at 70 West Hunter Avenue in Maywood. Wayne said you are concerned that a perception of the property being radioactively contaminated has lowered the value of the property.

I understand your concerns, and I wanted here to respond to your request that I write to you and explain whether your property is contaminated above applicable guidelines.

Property values can be affected by many things, such as interest rates, zoning, new construction and others, so the DOE does not get into the arena of trying to analyze or explain the intricacies of what a parcel is worth or how that value is determined. I can, however, explain our findings in the careful studies we have conducted on your property.

Your property was studied in 1990 to determine its radiological aspects. The results showed that there is no radioactive contamination above cleanup guidelines. During our studies, called characterizations, we performed two types of surveys to identify any areas where gamma radiation was above guidelines. Also, we sampled the soil on the property to see if there were levels of the radioactive elements thorium-232 (the main radioactive contaminant in the Maywood area), radium-226, or uranium-228 above guidelines.

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The gamma survey results showed that there were no areas where that type of radiation was above guidelines, and the sampling results showed that none of the soil samples collected on your property contained contamination that exceeds our cleanup guidelines.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any other questions, please call me. My number is (615) 576-5724. Or call the toll-free DOE public information line at 1-800-253-5759. Someone will promptly return your call.

Sincerely,



David G. Adler, Site Manager
Former Sites Restoration Division