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Mr. Michael Nolan
Concerned Citizens of Maywood
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Dear Mr. Nolan:

As requested by Mr. Parodi, I am writing to clarify several issues concerning the Maywood Site.

The first issue Mr. Parodi asked that I address is the number of Maywood sites on the National Priorities List (NPL). The Maywood Chemical Site was placed on the NPL in 1983 and consists of multiple properties (both residential and non-residential). Although there is only one 'site' on the NPL there are two on-going investigations into contamination at the site. One is being undertaken by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and is concerned with radioactive contamination at the site. The second is being conducted by the Stepan Company and is investigating the extent of chemical contamination at the site.

A second issue that Mr. Parodi requested clarification about was the technical assistance grant (TAG) for this site. Only one TAG can be given to a community group by EPA, the Concerned Citizens of Maywood were awarded this TAG in 1993. The DOE also provides technical assistance separately from EPA and has its own procedures for providing this assistance which does not fall under EPA's regulations. Confusion often arises when the DOE technical assistance to a group is referred to as a "TAG." Specifics of the funding mechanisms used by the DOE to provide technical assistance should be obtained from the DOE.

Lastly Mr. Parodi asked for clarification concerning the inclusion of the Maywood Chemical Site "soil excavation" listed as a completed remedial action project in the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) report *Publicly Funded Cleanups Site Status Report - 1995*. I have spoken with Mr. Nicholas Marton the DEP case manager for the Maywood Site who indicated that the information reflects the completion of the creation of the interim

storage pile. Thus the report reflects only one subunit of the site tracked by DEP. The *Known Contaminated Sites in New Jersey Report - 1995* indicates that the Maywood Chemical Site is an active site. Questions concerning the details of this report should be directed to the DEP.

Sincerely,



Angela Carpenter, Project Manager
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cc: N. Marton, DEP
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