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Dear Mr. Schuber:

MAYWOOD SITE - FORMATION OF COOPERATIVE GUIDANCE GROUP

As you know, the Department of Energy (DOE) is well under way with Phase I cleanup at the Maywood site. We have completed five of the 31 residential properties in Phase I, and plan to clean up at least seven more this summer. Also, pile removal from the Maywood Interim Storage Site will be completed in 1996. At the completion of Phase I in three to four years, we hope to transition directly into Phase II, which will address the majority of contaminated soils at the site.

Our current work and plans for upcoming activities continue to be a point of interest for some citizens as well as business people, such as real estate professionals whose work is affected by the existence of contamination at area properties.

In an effort to enhance cooperative planning between the project and the affected municipalities and its citizens during the remainder of Phase I and for remedy selection for Phase II, we need the help of key individuals such as yourself to help form a new community group that will make recommendations to DOE concerning area cleanups. DOE will participate but will not direct this group or choose its membership. It is intended to be a cooperative effort of information exchange in all respects.

We have enlisted the services of Rutgers University's Center for Environmental Communication and a neutral facilitator, Ms. Ann Auerbach, to work independently of DOE in the development of a Cooperative Guidance Group. Ms. Auerbach will facilitate the meetings and the process by which the group is developed, while the Center for Environmental Communications will provide feedback on the group's progress. The Center has conducted extensive research and training on how government, companies, and communities can better communicate about environmental issues. Ms. Auerbach has many years experience with helping companies form such groups to tackle tough environmental issues in their communities.

Ms. Auerbach has identified the first step to be formation of a Steering Committee of eight to ten key individuals from Bergen County and the three affected communities of Maywood, Rochelle Park, and

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Lodi. Members of the Steering Committee are asked to assist in the development of the Cooperative Guidance Group, but are not necessarily committed to serving on it. Specifically, the Steering Committee will be responsible for:

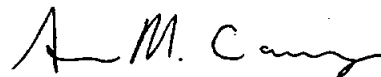
- Developing a mission statement for the cooperative group
- Identifying a representative membership for the group
- Developing meeting guidelines for the group
- Naming the group

Ms. Auerbach will contact you within the next week to discuss the prospect of your involvement on the Steering Committee and to answer any questions you may have. I submitted your name to her as a possible Steering Committee member based on your standing in the community and your history of involvement with site activities. She will be polling members for available dates for our first meeting. At the first meeting she will review the process for developing the Cooperative Guidance Group in detail. Your commitment would be for approximately six-to-eight meetings over a period of eight-to-twelve weeks. Representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection may be invited by the Steering Committee to participate in meetings in an advisory capacity regarding their role in the cleanup.

I hope you will consider being on the Steering Committee and participating in its crucial role of determining the membership of the larger group. Steering Committee members may or may not be members of the larger group. When Ms. Auerbach calls you, she will be able to explain in detail the process she envisions.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the formation of this new group, please give me a call at (423) 576-5724.

Sincerely,



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