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Mr. Mark Guarino, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Guarino:

MAYWOOD SITE - PHASE I VICINITY PROPERTY REMEDIAL ACTION

I was glad to hear at our meeting on December 13, 1994, that the Tri-Borough and County Thorium Coalition (the Coalition) will provide important elements of direction for remedial action of the Maywood Site Phase I vicinity properties, primarily sequencing of the properties to be cleaned.

At the December meeting, I presented drawings for conceptual groupings of the properties into manageable work units, or "clusters." This letter is to confirm, per our discussion at the meeting, that the Coalition is diligently working to place priority on remediation of the clusters, i.e., which cluster should come first, second, third and so on. In the best interest of all, and if work is to be started as soon as possible, we need your input.

Enclosed are copies of drawings showing the vicinity properties grouped into what DOE considers the clusters of choice. These preferred groupings are based on considerations such as impact on the community, construction demands, proximity of properties to one another, cost, land use, and location of contamination within the properties. However, DOE invites comment from the Coalition on the preferred groupings if there is concern.

Most important now is that the Coalition advise DOE on the sequence in which the properties should be remediated based on your understanding of and input from the community. Please consider, when placing priorities on cleaning the properties, that the potential for "re-contamination" should be minimized. Also in your planning, please assess whether municipal improvements, such as to parks, sidewalks or storm sewers, are scheduled for areas within or near areas that are now contaminated.

You may recall that the Phase I remedial action includes 31 residential properties, three municipal parks, a fire station, an undeveloped lot, and possibly an I-80 right-of-way. The action calls for excavation of all materials contaminated at a level above five (5) picocuries per gram, with transportation of the waste to an off-site, out-of-state disposal facility.

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DOE is now designing and planning the remedial action for the Phase I properties, including preparing subcontracts to implement the remedial action. We are working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to reach a Record of Decision for the site, which is required before cleanup can begin. Our current plans call for remediation to begin in fiscal year 1996. Thus, DOE needs the Coalition's comments on the clusters and their priority for cleanup by February 10, 1995, in order to meet scheduled submittal dates for work design packages and plans to EPA. The Coalition's prompt input will also allow us to continue plans to meet the earliest possible start date for the cleanup.

Although DOE is still in the planning phases of this action, our current approach calls for the excavated materials to be returned to the DOE-owned Maywood Interim Storage Site (MISS) for consolidation and loading onto rail cars for shipment to the disposal site. Note that the excavated materials will not be placed in interim storage at the MISS, but will be there only for the time needed to accrue and load rail cars; the actual amount of time will depend on the amount of material required to fill a rail car and the availability of the cars, but is not expected to exceed two weeks for any portion of the waste. This approach is by far the most cost-effective, and using the MISS, with its already developed railroad siding, will expedite the remedial action considerably.

Also, I understand that Mayor Toronto has appointed Joe Dominic, municipal manager, to serve on the Coalition as a Lodi representative. If you could confirm this, and would forward to me an updated list of Coalition members, I would appreciate it. My fax number is 615-576-0956.

The addition of insightful representatives to the Coalition can only benefit our mutual progress. I believe that this is an opportune time to make such additions to the group in light of the fact that we are nearing the start of vicinity property cleanups. I think it would be helpful if Mayors Steuert and LoCascio would appoint representatives, too.

Lastly, as I have mentioned before, I will be on a special assignment within DOE over the next six months. During my absence, Mr. Dave Adler will serve as the DOE site manager for the New Jersey Sites. His phone number in Oak Ridge is 615-576-9634. If you should wish to contact Mike Redmon, Bechtel Project Manager for New Jersey, his number is 615-576-4718. Both gentlemen will maintain contact with you and the Coalition during the coming months as we progress toward initiating cleanup at the vicinity properties in Lodi, Maywood, and Rochelle Park.

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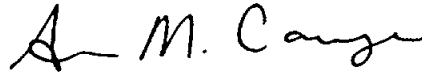
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Please do not hesitate to contact Dave or Mike with any questions or concerns as you review the clusters and place priority on their cleanup, and thereafter.

Sincerely,



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Former Sites Restoration Division

Enclosure

cc: Adam Strobel, Bergen County
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