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RESULTS OF WELL SAMPLING

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Mr. Edward Brater
[redacted]

Dear Mr. Brater:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the results of the water sampling of your well conducted by Fernald Environmental Restoration Management Corporation (FERMCO). Your [redacted] was sampled on October 5, 1995 in response to your request. The result of this sampling is expressed below in parts of uranium per billion parts of water (ppb), and picocuries of uranium per liter of water (pCi/L). Picocuries per liter are the units used to express groundwater data in the Site Environmental Report.

Sampling Date	Uranium Concentration (ppb)	(pCi/L)
October 5, 1995	0.5	0.3

For comparison, a groundwater study conducted by an independent consultant for the Fernald Site determined that background concentrations of naturally-occurring uranium in the groundwater for this area range from less than 0.1 ppb to 2.7 ppb (0.068 to 2.0 pCi/L). Also, a U. S. Geological Survey study (J.D. Hem, 1970, Geological Survey Water-Supply Paper 1473) reported a range of uranium concentration of less than 0.1 ppb to 10 ppb (0.068 to 6.8 pCi/L) in most natural water within the United States.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed an interim drinking water standard for total uranium of 20 ppb (13.5 pCi/L). The uranium concentration in your sample is well below this limit and is within the range expected for naturally-occurring background uranium in this area.

If you have any questions regarding the result reported to you in this letter or on any aspect of our environmental program, please contact me by phone (648-3137) at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Walter J. Quaider
Deputy Associate Director
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