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Ms. Lisa Crawford  
F.R.E.S.H.

Dear Ms. Crawford:

**COMMUNITY MEETING**

This letter responds to the three comment cards received from you following the May 15, 1989 Community Meeting.

With regard to your comment on the Community Meeting format, I agree that conducting the meeting in a large group setting, as we did on May 15, worked well. The single group setting allowed participants to hear all of the questions and answers and appeared to be well received by the community. As part of our commitment to generate an improved Community Relations Plan for the RI/FS activities, we will be interviewing a number of community members for ways in which we can better communicate. Part of the interviews will focus on the format and content of Community Meetings. However, judging from the receptiveness of the attendees at the May 15th meeting, I suspect that we will continue to use a single group format for the meetings.

Regarding your second request, on May 23, I forwarded to you copies of the overheads that were presented during the May 15th meeting. I hope you will find these useful during your monthly F.R.E.S.H. meetings. Also, I can arrange to have a speaker present at one of your F.R.E.S.H. meetings if you would like additional information regarding the status and progressive findings of our RI/FS and environmental cleanup activities.

With regard to promptly notifying the public following "unusual incidences", I consider that we were doing well in this area. However, for the specific item identified, the overflow of manhole 180, I agree we could have done better. When the overflow occurred on April 4, the landowner was immediately notified of our concerns. Samples were immediately collected to determine if contamination had been spread to surface soils outside of the

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FMPC. When the sample results were obtained on May 2, 1989, the landowner was once again immediately notified and a detailed characterization of the area was initiated. Since a Community Meeting was scheduled for May 15, 1989, I decided that this was a good opportunity to discuss the full details of the occurrence with the community. I remain committed to prompt public notification and will continue to emphasize such notification in the future.

Finally, regarding the details of the overflow of manhole 180, I am enclosing a status report which shows the chronology of the overflow and identifies the activities currently underway.

In closing, we welcome your interest in the environmental cleanup activities being undertaken at the FMPC. I am committed to keeping you and the public as a whole well informed of both environmental concerns as well as activities underway to correct identified problem areas. I trust that your questions, comments, and suggestions can help us to focus on public concerns and perform better in this area.

Sincerely,

  
James A. Reafsnider  
Site Manager

Enclosures as stated