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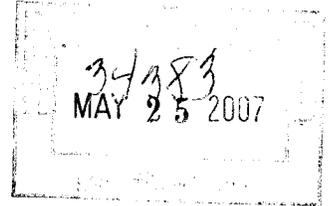
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May 22, 2007

The Hon. John Hughes
DNREC
89 Kings Hwy.
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Dear Secretary Hughes:

Thank you for responding to the community's request for additional testing and stronger protection during remediation of the Delaware National property. I am disappointed that your Department is unwilling to perform additional testing. I believe that the community can make a strong case for dioxin testing, and they would be happy to share their take on the science with you. I also believe that the community has well-founded concerns about the lack of testing for arsenic and other heavy metals in some very large areas of the property. I continue to advocate for this testing.

I worry that DNREC is putting its concerns for establishing precedents that could be used to force your Department to perform additional testing in the future ahead of the need to protect the citizens of this community in this very unique development.

I would, however, like to accept your verbal offer to do three test bores for dioxins on the property. This may be helpful in a number of ways. I would like to request that this dioxin sampling be done by an independent firm and that the samples be taken from appropriate locations. I would suggest the following three test sites: a "hot" green, a location proposed for "blending", and an area where sediment would settle.

With regards to the remediation, I was promised a letter from you committing to additional presence of DNREC personnel, over and above the usual presence, during remediation to ensure that the community receives all possible protection in light of the fact that remediation will be taking place in extremely close proximity to property lines. While you were unwilling to put this commitment in the remediation plan (which was my preference), you did promise to put this commitment in writing in a letter to me.

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I look forward to receiving the results of the dioxin test bores and the letter regarding additional oversight of the remediation. Thank you for continuing to work with me on this difficult and complex matter.

Sincerely,



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State Senator
7th District

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