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November 14, 2002

Richard Wiles
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Dear Mr. Wiles:

Thank you for your letter and input into the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's C8 report.

The DEP's mission is to promote a healthy environment. The agency does that with human health and safety in mind. With an issue as critical to human health as C8, we believe that the more scientific analysis we have on the issue, the better.

The DEP has confidence in the toxicology team that was assembled to research the C8 issue. Together, they have over 200 years of combined experience and a long list of credentials to match. Your letter is being forwarded to the toxicology team. DEP Cabinet Secretary Michael O. Callaghan will charge them with answering your questions and addressing your scientific concerns about the C8 report.

Again, thank you for your input and consideration of the report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessica Greathouse".

Jessica Greathouse
Chief Communications Officer



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of Environmental Protection

"Promoting a healthy environment."
