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per. to Mr. Tamasco letter to Mr. Reagan
(attached)

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Dear Mr. Tamasco:

Your letter of March 12, 1986 to President Reagan has been forwarded to this office for a reply. As you are aware, the Combe Fill South site has been placed on the National Priorities List and a Remedial Investigation is ongoing. The site has been officially closed for some time. Having characterized the area and determined the nature and extent of the contamination related to the site, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) are now evaluating all applicable technologies to develop the most appropriate remedial alternative. The State of New Jersey has the lead for actions at this site, using monies from the EPA's Hazardous Substances Response Trust Fund or "Superfund".

The State's initial survey results indicated possible contamination of groundwater off-site. The notification letter you received was sent as a contingency measure to apprise you of the general situation. The results of additional analyses to better define the movement of groundwater in the area and the nature of the contamination are currently under review by the NJDEP. This additional information will be discussed with area residents at a public meeting to be scheduled in June.

Should you desire to receive this information or discuss your particular situation prior to the public meeting, please contact Ms. Janice Haveson of the NJDEP at (609) 984-3081. Because the State of New Jersey has primary responsibility for all remedial activities at the Combe Fill South site, notification of the findings should appropriately come from the DEP.

Please be assured that both the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection realize fully the importance of this matter to you, your family, and your neighbors. As indicated above, the NJDEP will hold a public meeting in June to discuss the status of its

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remedial efforts, under Superfund, at the Combe Fill South site and to present the proposed plan for extending the water supply to affected residents. You will be informed of the date, time and location of this meeting as soon as the information is available.

I hope this letter has addressed your concerns adequately. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Haveson of the NJDEP at (609) 984-3081.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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President Ronald Reagan
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Dear President Reagan:

Approximately five years ago I bought a home in Washington Township, Morris County, New Jersey. The home is supplied by an individual well which is used by me, my wife, and my children.

The home is within a short distance of an abandoned toxic waste site known as Combe Fill South Land Fill. The land fill was closed by order of the State Department of Environmental Protection (hereinafter referred to as D.E.P.) and is listed on the federal toxic waste super fund list for clean up at some time in the future.

We were recently notified in writing by the D.E.P. and the municipality that our drinking water could be polluted by this land fill and it was recommended that we not drink the water. I have been told by representatives of Washington Township and adjoining Chester Township that the State D.E.P. agreed to supply an alternate source of drinking water to be piped into my home at 11 East Gate Road, Long Valley, New Jersey, along with other homes surrounding the land fill, from a central water source. The D.E.P. has promised this alternate water source by the end of this year.

The purpose of this letter is to request that you and your office do whatever can be done to expedite the installation of this alternate water source.

This request is made on my behalf and on behalf of my wife and my children as well as other affected home owners. We are presently drinking bottled water but are using the well water to shower and to bathe, and I am concerned for my safety and the safety of my family and others. I understand that it will take some time to properly close the land fill, but I hope that work can begin immediately on the alternate water source.

Thank you in advance for any assistance that you may give.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
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