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Judy Treichel, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Treichel:

Thank you for your November 20, 1991, letter containing an article from the "Nuclear Waste News" on the issue of Cesium-137.

The Forest Service has been doing research with Oakridge on the uptake of Strontium-90 in the Northeastern hardwood forests, but has not looked specifically at Cesium-137.

Based on the information you have provided, my Watershed and Air Management Staff has contacted both the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency, since they have the regulatory responsibility. The Forest Service will cooperate with them as they deem necessary.

Your notification is timely, and I thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

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