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The Honorable Constance A. Morella
United States House of
Representatives
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Dear Congresswoman Morella:

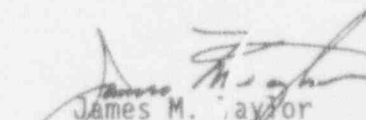
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The purpose of the aerial survey was to determine the levels of natural background radiation and to detect the presence of man-made radiation surrounding the Neutron Products, Inc., site. The aerial survey was conducted by the U.S. Department of Energy and will supplement the Maryland Department of the Environment's inspection that was conducted with assistance from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Preliminary results from the aerial survey indicated that off-site radiation levels were not distinguishable from natural background radiation. However, ground level surveys, also conducted during the inspection, did detect some isolated areas of low-level contamination immediately adjacent to the facility. These survey results are consistent with prior surveys conducted by the State and the licensee. No adverse health effects would be expected from these quantities of cobalt-60. The results of the Maryland Department of the Environment inspection will be available to all interested parties in several weeks; however, aerial background survey results will not be available until February. A copy of both survey reports will be provided to you once we receive them.

I trust that this reply responds to your concerns.

Sincerely,


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