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Dear Dr. Merges:

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A copy of the confirmatory survey report prepared by NRC's contractor, the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), is also enclosed.

The total doses estimated by "RESRAD" are less than 4 millirem per year (mrem/yr) using separately Chevron's data and ORISE's data. We believe that any actual exposure rates would be significantly less than calculated because of the conservative approach to the analyses, e.g., depth of contamination, area of contamination, actual concentration levels, distribution coefficients, etc. For comparison purposes, the current 10 CFR Part 20 dose limit for individual members of the public is 100 mrem/yr. The dose estimates by "RESRAD" confirms the conclusions in the Chevron's radiological survey and ORISE's confirmatory survey reports that the Pawling site satisfies the unrestricted release requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-504-2502.

Sincerely yours,  
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