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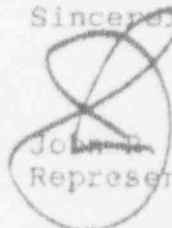
Dear Sir or Madame:

I am writing to you on behalf of one of my constituents, Mr. Tim Wagner. He is requesting assistance with a matter, which falls under the jurisdiction of your office.

Please investigate the statements contained within the attached documents and forward me the necessary information for reply.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Fuehrer in my district office.

Sincerely,



John R. Kasich  
Representative to Congress

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Enclosure

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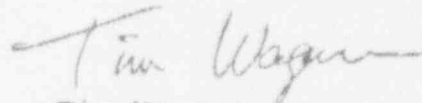
December 28, 1993

Congressman John R. Kasich  
200 N. High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Congressman Kasich:

Enclosed please find copies of letters to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Occupational Safety and Health Administration. As you can see, Battelle Memorial Institute has placed the health and safety of our citizens at risk. We would appreciate your active support to insure that these investigations are thorough, objective and timely.

Sincerely,

  
Tim Wagner  
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Dear Federal Officials:

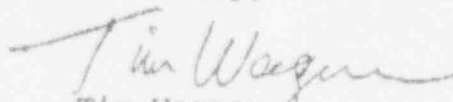
The undersigned is an authorized representative of the Battelle Permit Opposition Committee, an organization of representatives of neighborhoods in the vicinity of the Battelle Memorial Institute's King Avenue Facility in Columbus, Ohio. An employee of that facility has recently made available to us a copy of the enclosed July, 1992, audit of the decontamination and decommissioning program at the Battelle facility. A review of this audit has left us shocked at what appears to be a facility out of control in its handling of radioactive waste materials. There are 193 separate deficiencies noted, many of which are institutional in nature.

We are asking you to investigate the findings of this audit and to take appropriate enforcement action to assure that the Battelle facility is operated in compliance with all federal requirements for radioactive materials handling.

In addition to raising serious questions about the potential threat to our neighborhoods through Battelle's operations, I add that we are also concerned about what this audit demonstrates as to the level of oversight that this facility is receiving. When this audit was released publicly, Battelle's response was that it had passed its NRC inspections. This has left the entire City of Columbus wondering how meaningful those inspections are in light of the serious short-comings disclosed in audit.

This audit comes at an especially difficult time in our community as Battelle is asking for our support on its proposal to significantly expand its mixed waste storage facility in our neighborhoods. Without a serious examination by your office into the contents of this audit, we do not see how we can possibly support an escalation of the risks which Battelle's audit shows are already present at the existing facility. Please, expedite your review of this serious situation for our neighborhoods and for our families.

Sincerely,

  
Tim Wagner  
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The Occupational Safety & Health Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 North High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Attn: Michael Ypsilantis  
Duty Officer

Dear Mr. Ypsilantis:

Please find enclosed a copy of an internal audit conducted at the Battelle Memorial Institute's King Avenue Facility adjacent to the Ohio State University Campus that documents what we believe are serious health and safety problems for the workers at that facility. The audit, which was conducted by a private consulting firm at Battelle's own direction, documents a total of 193 deficiencies in radioactive waste handling procedures. Among the items documented herein are 38 deficiencies in Battelle's Health and Safety Plan for its employees and 93 specific safety violations. The audit was made available to us by a Battelle employee who believes, as we do, that the facility's worker safety programs are seriously deficient.

For the benefit of Battelle's workers, many of whom live in our neighborhoods, we request that you review this audit and take appropriate steps to insure that Battelle is acting appropriately in regard to worker safety issues. Needless to say, we are also concerned that the serious lapses in accountability documented herein are also affecting our families as well.

Sincerely,



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