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The Honorable Nicholas F. Brady United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Brady:

I am pleased to address the issue identified in the letter dated October 14, 1982, from Mrs. Marilyn Casson, which was enclosed with your letter of November 8, 1982 to Mr. Carlton C. Kammerer of our Office of Congressional Affairs. Mrs. Casson's letter concerned thorium contamination in Wayne, New Jersey. Background information concerning this problem was previously provided to you with my letter dated July 1, 1982.

The surveys referred to in my July 1 letter have been completed. Enclosed is a copy of a report, "Radiological Survey of Sheffield Brook," which contains the results of a portion of those surveys. The results of the remaining surveys, conducted primarily on the W. R. Grace and Company property on Black Oak Ridge Road, will be contained in a report which is scheduled to be available early in 1983. We will provide you with a copy of that report when it is issued. Based on the results of all surveys and measurements to date, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) continues to conclude that the thorium contamination in Wayne does not pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of local residents.

The U. S. Department of Energy is responsible for administering a program (the Formerly Utilized Site Remedial Action Program - FUSRAP) that was created to provide for cleanup of sites contaminated with radioactive material when the contamination resulted from certain U.S. Government sponsored work. Since U.S. Government sponsored work was formerly conducted at the W. R. Grace and Company property in Wayne, the results of our surveys will be transmitted to the DOE so that the site can be considered for inclusion in the FUSRAP.

We realize that this issue is of significant concern to you and your constituents, and are working to resolve it. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Sincerely,

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(Signed) T. A. Rehm

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