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SUBJECT: SURVEY OF PUBLIC AREA ADJACENT TO THE FORMER SYLVANIA
ELECTRIC PRODUCTS, INC FACILITY

Dear Mr. Vercasio:

On November 19, 1996, Steve Shaffer of this office assisted in the survey performed by your office of the public area adjacent to the former Sylvania Electric Products, Inc. facility Hicksville, New York. The results of Region I laboratory analysis of the four soil samples collected are provided below. Analysis was performed via gamma spectroscopy. The uranium-238 activity is inferred from its daughter protactinium-234m.

SAMPLE A

Sample A was collected approximately one foot from the east side of the fence separating the golf driving range from the properties on Cantiague Rock Road and 15 feet south of the property boundary between Magazine Distributors and Gilbert Displays.

Uranium-238	6.8 ± 0.6	picocuries per gram (pCi/g)
Radium-226	1.6 ± 0.5	pCi/g
Uranium-235	0.42 ± 0.03	pCi/g

SAMPLE B

Sample B was collected approximately one foot from the east side of the fence separating the golf driving range from the properties on Cantiague Rock Road and 15 feet north of the property boundary between Magazine Distributors and Gilbert Displays.

Uranium-238	11.1 ± 1.0	pCi/g
Radium-226	1.7 ± 0.7	pCi/g
Uranium-235	0.54 ± 0.04	pCi/g

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SAMPLE C

Sample C was collected approximately one foot from the east side of the fence separating the golf driving range from the properties on Cantiague Rock Road approximately one foot from the fence on the golf driving range side and 105 feet north of the property boundary between Magazine Distributors and Gilbert Displays.

Uranium-238	3.5 ± 0.7	pCi/g
Radium-226	1.0 ± 0.4	pCi/g
Uranium-235	0.16 ± 0.03	pCi/g

SAMPLE D

Sample D was collected on the East side of the golf driving range just outside the east fence of the golf driving range, approximately 200 meters due east of the location of the other samples. This sample was intended to be representative of the background concentrations of radioactive material in the vicinity of the former Sylvania property.

Uranium-238	0.9 ± 0.4	pCi/g
Radium-226	0.2 ± 0.3	pCi/g
Uranium-235	0.06 ± 0.02	pCi/g

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Should you have any further questions, please contact Steve Shaffer at (610)-337-5256 or Mark Roberts at (610)-337-5256. Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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