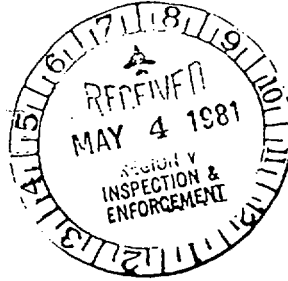


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Dear Dean:

In follow-up to our phone conversations and Director Myers' letter to Senator Sieroty, I would appreciate receiving a report on the nature of the waste buried at the Wadsworth Veterans Administration Hospital, dates, kind, amounts, etc. I would also appreciate any comments you might have on the possible levels of contaminants in nearby water wells should this waste have migrated.

Am I right in presuming that the only long-lived waste buried would be carbon-14 and tritium?

As Director Myers' letter indicated, I will be working with Department of Water Resources on the current status use of the wells in the area and, as appropriate, arranging for or assembling existing data on contamination analyses.

Sincerely,

  
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