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Dear Mr. Baker:

On behalf of E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company ("DuPont") I want to thank you for meeting with us on February 1, 2002, to discuss issues related to the discovery of ammonium perfluorooctanoate (APFO, also known as C8) in the groundwater at the Little Hocking Water Association well field. We found the exchange to be very constructive.

Pursuant to our discussions at that meeting, we have raised with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection ("WVDEP") the possibility of representatives of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio EPA") participating on the Groundwater Investigation Steering Team ("GIST"). As you know, the GIST was formed pursuant to the multi-media consent order ("MMCO") that was issued to DuPont by WVDEP and the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, effective November 15, 2001. The purpose of the GIST is to oversee "an expeditious and phased approach" for the assessment of the presence and extent of C8 contamination in drinking water, groundwater and surface water at and around DuPont's Washington Works and other DuPont facilities in West Virginia. The WVDEP representatives with whom we have spoken have agreed to give consideration to our request, and we are awaiting their reply.

Regardless of the position taken by WVDEP in response to the request for participation by Ohio EPA on the GIST, DuPont is prepared to undertake voluntarily a well survey and sampling of private groundwater wells in the area of the Little Hocking Water Association well field following the protocol that has been established under the MMCO. This would include a groundwater use and well survey identifying and sampling all groundwater wells within a 1-mile radius of the well field.

We are prepared to initiate this sampling as soon as the logistics can be worked out with all appropriate governmental entities. We look forward to working with you and other representatives of Ohio EPA in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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