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Dear Mr. Bilott:

I am responding to your letter of July 22, 2002, regarding your request to speak informally with staff of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") regarding their participation in the May 6-8, 2002, meeting of the C-8 Assessment of Toxicity Team, convened by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection ("WVDEP"), pursuant to the Consent Order between E.I. duPont de Nemours and Company and WVDEP. Given the limited agency resources and other priorities, unfortunately, we cannot consent to such informal discussions.

Should you wish to pursue a formal request for deposition or documents, you should submit a written request pursuant to the regulations in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart C, in accordance with the procedures set forth therein, (e.g., the request must state the nature of the testimony and the reason why the testimony would be in the interests of EPA). Please direct your request for any headquarters staff (e.g., Jennifer Seed or John Cicmanec) to Marla E. Diamond (2377A), Associate General Counsel, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC, NW 20460.

Requests for informal interviews or deposition testimony of ATSDR staff should be directed to Deborah Tress, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, CDC/ATSDR, 1600 Clifton Road, NE D-53, Atlanta, GA 30333.

Sincerely,

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