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Mr. Robert L. Roberson
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Dear Mr. Roberson:

This is in response to your letter of October 1, 1976.

The pollution which you referred to in the Coosa River is that of polychlorinated biphenyl's (PCB's) which are entering Weiss Reservoir from point sources near Rome, Georgia. Fish samples have been taken throughout Weiss Reservoir. The analyses of these samples indicate relatively low PCB levels in the fish collected. Our state health officer, Dr. Ira Myers, reviewed these data and determined the levels to be low enough to cause no immediate concern. Fish samples taken down stream from Weiss Reservoir showed even lower levels of PCB's.

It is expected that the PCB pollution from Georgia will be diminished in the near future, and levels of PCB's in fish will decrease accordingly.

I cannot provide you with ideal locations for building a home on a public reservoir. Your choice of Logan Martin seems to be a very good one.

I hope I have answered your questions on pollution problems in that area. If I may be of service to you, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

GAME AND FISH DIVISION

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