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MEMORANDUM

TO: G. B. Welsh

FROM: W. M. Jernigan

RE: General Electric Company
Rome - Floyd County

On September 14, 1976, Otis Woods and the writer visited the General Electric plant and met with Richard Lester and B. R. Williams. The purpose of the trip was to inspect plant discharges and discuss with company personnel our planned sampling survey during the week of September 20, 1976. Data and observations on the company's discharge points, flow monitoring equipment, and composite sampling equipment were reported in the plan of study dated September 15, 1976. As a result of our request that the company provide us with copies of any PCB sampling data that was not already contained in our files, we were provided the attached data. This reports the results of random grab samples from their cooling water spray pond, isolated soil sampling around the plant site, and some in-plant sewer surveys. It was also generally discussed with Lester that General Electric Company should begin planning to increase the monitoring frequency of their surface discharges and the implementation of some type of regular sampling on their sanitary sewer connection.

It was noted during the tour of the discharge points that the sediment which had accumulated in oil/water separators at serial discharges 001 and 003 had been removed, placed in drums and was being loaded onto a flat bed. Subsequent questioning of Lester as to their destination revealed that they were headed for the Nuclear Engineering, Inc. landfill at Sheffield, Illinois. Heretofore G.E. had shipped all solid waste to a chemical landfill at Robstown, Texas, but according to Lester, the State of Texas had recently passed a regulation restricting the importation of out-of-state hazardous waste.

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