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Dear Steve:

You had directed me to Walter Krywucki, general manager of Hydro-Pure Systems, for answers to my questions about the Weldon Spring quarry water treatment plant. I have finally received the enclosed response after many delays, and I find the answers thoroughly unsatisfactory. I believe these questions are of vital interest to the public, and it is imperative that we receive straightforward answers. Whom do you suggest we now approach?

Mr. Krywucki's reply indicates there is an operating contractor in addition to MK-Ferguson Company. Would you please tell me who that is?

Although I have not yet received a copy of the August 22-28, 1990, Horner & Shifrin evaluation of the Hydro-Pure engineer's design report for the quarry water treatment plant, as per my September 5, 1991, written request to you, it is my understanding that Horner & Shifrin had recommended that the water treatment equipment be enclosed in a building. Is it correct, instead, that the equipment -- gauges and controls included -- are being installed in the open? If so, are you not concerned about exposure to ice, snow, rain and potential vandalism, making careful maintenance and operation even more problematic?

Also, according to your July 26 letter to Arlene Sandler of the Coalition for the Environment, the DOE was expecting to receive a report of the laboratory analyses of actinium-227, polonium-210, and radon concentration levels in a quarry sump water sample by mid to late September. If that report is now available, we would appreciate receiving a copy.

As always, your response will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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