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Mr. Mike Sedell  
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Dear Mr. Sedell

Thank you for your letter of November 21, 2006, concerning Runkle Canyon. Based on conversations with Ms. Behjan of your staff, we understood the primary concern from the two City Council meetings to have been related to strontium-90 levels in dust generated during site development activities.

I indicated in my letter to you dated October 27, 2006, RHB would "concentrate our review on the health hazards posed by airborne strontium-90 during site development activities". A copy of the report was provided to you with our November 8, 2006 letter. That report concluded that airborne strontium-90 in construction dust was not considered to pose a significant public health risk. The RHB report was based on data from the Runkle Canyon EIR concerning anticipated dust generation data and reported strontium-90 survey results, as well as independent soil samples collected by CDHS.

RHB will address further requests that are within the constraints of our regulatory jurisdiction, technical knowledge, and resource availability. I can assign staff to address specific questions or areas to meet your urgent needs. However, I am not currently able to assign staff to perform a full review of the Runkle Canyon EIR or the enviroreporter website.

In order to meet the urgency indicated in your previous letter to resolve your concerns, you may want to communicate your questions via email to me (gbutner@dhs.ca.gov), and cc Mr. Greger of my staff (rgreger@dhs.ca.gov). If you or your staff would like a teleconference to discuss these issues, RHB will arrange for our staff to participate. I can be reached directly at (916) 440-7942.

Sincerely,

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