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Mr. Howard Zane  
Mt. Kisco Town Engineer  
104 Main Street  
Mt. Kisco, New York 10549

Dear Mr. Zane:

I am writing to request your assistance in this Department's investigation of possible radioactive contamination of soil in the Town of Mt. Kisco. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) began the investigation because the United States Environmental Protection Agency has identified the site of the former Canadian Radium and Uranium Corporation as having the potential for impacts on groundwater.

On August 10, 1993, the staff of the DEC's Bureau of Radiation visited the site and surveyed a small portion of the area for possible radiation contamination. We obtained verbal permission from Mr. George Griffin, owner of Richard's Lumber and Building Material Center, for access to his property. However, we did not have a clear description of the location of property lines in the area.

Within a fifteen-minute period, we identified two small areas where the presence of radioactive materials was indicated. A soil core was collected from each of these areas. Soil core number 1 was collected from a location between the back of Richard's Lumber and Building Materials Center property and the road that runs next to the railroad tracks. Analysis of this core shows the presence of radium series radionuclides above background levels.

The second soil core was collected adjacent to a fence post located inside a fenced-off portion of what appears to be Richard's Lumber and Building Materials Center property on the south side of Railroad Avenue. The analysis of this core showed slightly elevated levels of radium series radionuclides.

We intend to continue with our investigation of this area and would appreciate your assistance in defining the land that is owned by the Town. We would like to establish a mutually agreeable day, at your earliest convenience, when you could meet the Bureau of Radiation staff at this site. We plan to take additional soil samples from the area at that time. Please contact John Mitchell of this Bureau to arrange a date. He can be reached at this address:

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Division of Hazardous Substances Regulation  
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
50 Wolf Road, Room 442  
Albany, New York 12233-7255

518/457-2225  
518/485-8390 (fax).

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Bureau of Radiation  
Division of Hazardous  
Substances Regulation

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cc: G. Griffin, Richard's Lumber and Building Materials Center  
N. DiBenedetto, Westchester County Department of Health