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Dear Mr. Fatz:

This letter is intended to confirm our telephone discussion held on July 8, 2002. As you recall, this office has attempted to schedule a meeting with Army officials for several months to discuss radiological assessment and remediation activities at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant in Middletown, Iowa. To facilitate this effort, Governor Vilsack sent a letter to Secretary White describing the difficulties that we have faced in our efforts to arrange a meeting. Governor Vilsack also renewed our invitation to hold discussions on several important issues regarding the above-mentioned activities.

On July 8th, you contacted this office to confirm receipt of the governor's letter to Secretary White, and you expressed the Department of the Army's willingness to participate in a meeting with Iowa officials at a time and place selected by this office. Given the scope of questions that will likely arise during this meeting, I suggested that representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers should also be present.

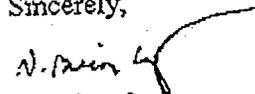
Given the importance of this meeting, and the numerous delays that this office has encountered in its effort to arrange a discussion, a meeting at the earliest opportunity is desired. We invite Army and Army Corps of Engineer officials to attend a meeting with Governor Vilsack to be held on Friday, July 26, 2002 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Governor's Office located at the State Capitol in Des Moines, Iowa.

Topics for discussion shall include, but should not necessarily be limited to: 1) the adequacy of planning, assessment, and remediation activities designed to identify and remediate all radioactive contamination at IAAAP; 2) scheduling of planning, assessment, and remediation activities at IAAAP; 3) the proper role of this state in all planning, assessment, and remediation activities at IAAAP; 4) the use of a site-wide survey to identify radioactive contamination at IAAAP; and 5) IAAAP and American Ordinance cooperation with former workers and their families in securing medical records, and other accompanying documentation.

I will attempt to contact you by telephone to notify you about this letter. Please contact me upon its receipt, to confirm the attendance of Army and Army Corps of Engineers officials.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any other questions regarding these matters. We look forward to meeting with the designated representatives on July 26th.

Sincerely,


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