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Mr. Phil Baer
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Dear Mr. Baer:

I am in receipt of your letters to Trey Schroeder of the White House Staff and Vice President Al Gore, dated June 9, 1993. Because the State of Louisiana is within the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6, Ms. Kathleen McGinty, Director, White House Office on Environmental Policy, forwarded your letter to this office for response. In your letter, you expressed concern about the Cade II landfill in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

On October 9, 1991, EPA promulgated comprehensive regulations for municipal solid waste landfills (MSWLF's), which address design, operation, ground water monitoring, closure/post-closure care and financial assurance. The Federal criteria established national performance standards which must be met by each State. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) has submitted an application for approval of their solid waste permitting program which EPA Region 6 is currently reviewing. Our review, though not yet complete, has revealed that the Louisiana requirements are at least as stringent as those set forth in the Federal criteria. The siting and permitting of MSWLF's are not under the authority of EPA, but rather are a responsibility of State government. In the State of Louisiana, LDEQ has responsibility for the permitting and enforcement of MSWLF operations.

EPA understands your concern about protecting the drinking water supply and agrees that measures should be taken to protect this valuable resource. It is our understanding that construction of the Cade II landfill has been halted until LDEQ issues a Water Quality Discharge Permit. The public comment period for this permit ended on July 14, 1993, and LDEQ staff are currently evaluating the public comments.

We have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letters, as well as this response, to Mr. Bill Mollere, Chief of the Solid Waste Division, LDEQ. For further information on this landfill, Mr. Mollere or his staff may be contacted at (504) 765-0249.



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I appreciate knowing of your interest in this matter. If I may be of further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Joe D. Winkle

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Acting Regional Administrator

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Bill Mollere, LDEQ