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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Dear Mr. Giesfeld and Ms. Bangert::

My staff and I have considered the request in your letter of April 30, 2001, including a review of the enclosed documents.

We have considered your request to confirm your use of monitored natural attenuation as defined in your 'Interim Guidance on Natural Attenuation for Petroleum Releases' Wisconsin Publication PUB-RR-614, dated October 1999. I concur with your continuing to use the NR 700 series when selecting remedies and closing out sites with releases of hazardous waste and your inclusion of natural attenuation as a potential final remedy. I recognize that your Natural Attenuation Guide relates only to petroleum releases. We are prepared to consider your technical guidance on the use of natural attenuation at sites contaminated by chlorinated compounds once it has been fully developed and is available for review.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Gerald W. Phillips of my staff at (312) 886-0977 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Springer".

Robert Springer, Director  
Waste, Pesticides and Toxics Division

cc: M. Gordon, WDNR  
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