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Mr. Scott A. Glass
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Dear Mr. Glass:

In response to your letter dated April 13, 1998 I'm writing to express, once more, our concern over a potential threat posed to the drinking water supply of the City of Minneapolis and several suburban communities. As you know, Minneapolis draws its drinking water from the Mississippi River at an intake in Fridley, a short distance downstream from the NIROP Fridley site.

The following outlines the City's concerns that must be addressed.

1. The impact of the presence of a sequestering agent in the groundwater treatment facility's effluent as a product of the anti-scale polymer subsystem is unknown to us. A study should be conducted at the Navy's expense to determine what impact this chemical may have on our water treatment scheme, equipment maintenance and finished water quality.
2. The elevated levels of TCE, detected by the Minnesota Department of Health testing, in the finished water and the presence of "hot-spots" you reported in the groundwater at the Anoka park are of a real concern to us in regards to threatening the safe drinking water supply of nearly half a million Twin Cities residents.
3. Testing of the River for vinyl chloride, a decomposition product of TCE, should be undertaken. Elimination of discharge of vinyl chloride must be addressed if found in the River.
4. The long-term impact on our search for an alternative water supply source for the region must be resolved. One of the more feasible options was to install a well collection system near our Fridley facilities. Due to contaminants in the source aquifer and the cost of granular activated

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carbon treatment for this underground water it is cost prohibitive to pursue this solution.

Discharge from the site should not occur until the above issues have been resolved.

It is imperative that reasonable measures are taken in order to protect our drinking water. The City is contacting state and federal agencies for support and we urge the Department of the Navy to cooperate in protecting the safe drinking water.

Sincerely,



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Director, Water Works

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