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Mr. Lawrence F. Coffill
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Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Mr. Coffill:

Re: Water Quality Monitoring Program Design
Analysis for Confined Disposal Facility
at Sheboygan Harbor

We have completed our review of the subject report and offer these comments.

Recent sampling data indicate extremely high PCB concentrations in fish taken from the Sheboygan River. The Department is very concerned about the source and extent of this contamination as evidenced by the issuance of the attached news release advising against human consumption of any fish taken from the lower Sheboygan River pending further evaluations. We are presently engaged in additional sampling activities designed to better delineate the scope of the PCB problem.

It is requested that you contact Mr. Stanton Kleinert, Chief, Surveillance Section, Bureau of Water Quality at 608-266-7721 for more specific information on the Department's sampling efforts and the availability of data.

It appears that the 1974 EPA bottom sediment survey did not include an analysis of PCB concentrations. Considering the severity of the problem now becoming apparent as a result of bioaccumulation in fish, an effort should be made to define the PCB concentrations in the sediments proposed for dredging.

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Hopefully, through coordination with the Department, a mutually satisfactory resolution of this situation can be achieved.

We thank you for the opportunity to review this Design Analysis and look forward to continued contact in this matter.

Sincerely,
Bureau of Environmental Impact

Howard S. Druckenmiller
Director

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