

Mr. Larry D. Milliken, President
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Dear Mr. Milliken:

Thank you for your letter of November 27, 2001, to Administrator Whitman regarding the remedy selected for the Marjol Battery site in Throop, PA (Marjol site). Your letter expressed concern about the remedy selected at the Marjol site and suggested an alternative remedy involving lead recovery.

EPA Region III considered a broad range of alternatives (including treatment approaches) for the Marjol site through the standard process for making remedial decisions under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. This process requires the balancing of different considerations, and provides an opportunity for public comment and participation. We are convinced that the remedy selected for the site is both protective and appropriate, and do not believe that revisiting the remedy selection is warranted.

At the same time, we do want to encourage innovative and effective remediation technologies. Within the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, the Technology Innovation Office (TIO) serves as an advocate for such technologies. We have provided Jim Cummings of TIO with a copy of your letter, and encourage you to call him at 703-603-7197.

I appreciate the concerns you've raised in your letter. Please contact Deborah Sherer at 703-308-8826 if you have further questions about any of these matters.

Sincerely,

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