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Dear Ms. Durr;

I received the Remand Order regarding my UIC Appeal N. 12-01. This is in regards to Permit No. MI-009-2D-0217. I am happy to see that the permit was remanded back to the Region for review and am very grateful for that action. Since I am not a lawyer, as is duly noted in the Remand Order, I do have some questions. Am I limited to responding to the procedural issues which appear to be:

1. Was the appeal timely? Were all my questions considered by the permit issuer before issuing the permit?

Or: 2. Is my response limited to the questions I raised in the appeal, which while vague due to my lack of experience with legal appeal processes, was intended to express my concern that my drinking water is at risk due to the actions of the EPA in not preventing brine disposal in close vicinity to my water well.

Or: 3. Am I allowed to address the issues I brought up in my original comments on the draft permit, which I felt were not fully considered by the Region prior to the issuing of the permit. For the most part those questions were answered in a way that emphasized how the gas companies are complying with requirements, rather than whether the laws promulgated by the EPA are protecting my health and drinking water.

I look forward to your answers and to further communication.

Sincerely,



Norma Petrie

Cc: Lisa Perenchio, Chief, Direct Implementation Section
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