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Dear Mr. Bacon:

Thank you for your letter of February 8, 2000 requesting that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) review and comment on the Environmental Justice Goal proposed at the last Environmental Forum (VIII) held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

We have reviewed the proposed environmental justice language and find it to be consistent with EPA's goal of ensuring that all people, regardless of race, national origin or income, are protected from disproportionate impacts of environmental hazards. Therefore, it would be appropriate to include this environmental justice statement to the list of other goals identified for future Environmental Forums.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to comment on this important issue. The success and continued effectiveness of the chemical demilitarization program depends to some extent on the inclusion of goals like this in program related activities such as the Environmental Forums.

Sincerely,

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