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Mr. Mike Sedell
City Manager
City of Simi Valley
2929 Tapo Canyon Road
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Dear Mr. Sedell:

Thank you for your letter of September 27, 2006, in which you requested the Radiologic Health Branch (RHB) assist the City of Simi Valley with a review of the strontium-90 identified in the soil at the Runkle Canyon development site. Mr. Robert Greger, a Certified Health Physicist on my staff, will coordinate this effort for the RHB. It is my understanding that Mr. Greger is in contact with your Assistant City Manager, Ms. Laura Behjan, and your city environmental planner, Ms. Lauren Funaiole, in this regard. He has also contacted the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District for assistance.

With the assistance of the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, I believe we will be able to address the issue of airborne strontium-90 from the grading operations at the Runkle Canyon site, which I am led to believe is one of the primary complaints presented to the Simi Valley City Council by the concerned citizens.

It is our understanding that Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has previously stated, in a Santa Susana Field Laboratory Work Group public meeting, that the strontium-90 soil concentrations identified by soil sampling performed at the Runkle Canyon site are considered safe for residential developments such as is planned for the Runkle Canyon site. The RHB has no reason to dispute that finding by EPA. We will therefore, concentrate our efforts on the health hazards posed by airborne strontium-90 during site development activities.

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If you require my assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me (916) 440-7942.

Sincerely,

Gary Butner
Acting Branch Chief
Radiologic Health Branch

cc: Laura Behjan
Assistant City Manager