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SUBJECT: Report on the Documentation and Data Gaps Relevant to the Containment of  
Radioactive Residues in the IWCS

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Dear Dr. Gardella:

Thank you for your letter of April 02, 2008 providing Dr. Boeck's Report on the Documentation and Data Gaps Relevant to the Containment of Radioactive Residues in the IWCS. We appreciate Bill taking the time to visit the Buffalo District and review the available archive material for his report. It's clear a lot of hard work and thoughtful factual analysis went into his report.

I have forwarded his report to our technical team, including our extended team of contractors who performed the hydrogeologic modeling. We have incorporated his report into the preparation for the May 2008 public meeting. Our second meeting in August is intended to focus more closely on specific topics and scientific details in response to public input received. We also expect to prepare and publish responses to questions and topics of interest from the community.

Dr. Boeck's report is the ideal form of scientific input from the community. His case is well organized, clearly written and referenced and conducive to meaningful and productive scientific exchange. I will advise prior to April 30, 2008 whether the Corps team has any comments or questions on the report itself. I believe our modelers will be able to address many of Dr. Boeck's concerns at our public meetings and through ongoing and future modeling efforts supporting the Niagara Falls Storage Site investigations.

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