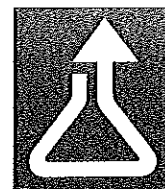


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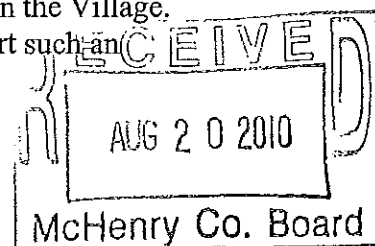
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Dear Mr. Koehler:

You recently inquired whether Rohm and Haas Company would be willing to provide funding to expand well testing in the Village of McCullom Lake to address the concerns of some residents. Since more than ten percent of Village wells have been tested since early 2006 and vinyl chloride has never been found, we understand the reluctance of the County to divert its limited financial resources to such a program. We appreciate your inquiry. Rohm and Haas is sensitive to public health concerns and supports evaluation of these issues based on sound scientific principles.

Thus, Rohm and Haas is willing to provide financial assistance to the County for additional independent testing. We propose three components:

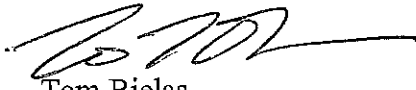
1. Rohm and Haas is willing to fund the County's additional well testing for Village homeowners who request it. We understand there are about 400 homes with private wells in the Village and that the estimated cost of such testing is less than \$125 per well. Rohm and Haas will commit up to \$125 for each well tested for the presence of vinyl chloride (up to \$50,000 if all Village wells were tested). To assure that such results are both independent and credible, the County and/or the Illinois EPA will select EPA-certified firms to conduct the testing and related laboratory analysis.
2. While we are not aware of any testing that has detected the presence of vinyl chloride in the Village, a thorough review also would include testing the air. Rohm and Haas also will commit up to \$5,000 to test outdoor Village air for vinyl chloride. Again, we only ask that McHenry County and/or the Illinois EPA select EPA-certified firms to conduct the testing and the laboratory analysis to assure independent and credible results.
3. Finally, a comprehensive assessment should also include an independent expert assessment of the various theories of vinyl chloride exposure in the Village. Rohm and Haas is prepared to commit up to \$50,000 to support such an



independent analysis. While these same issues may be presented to a Philadelphia jury in the coming months, the underlying scientific questions should not be relegated to a courtroom hundreds of miles away, but should be independently evaluated on behalf of the County and its residents. Such an effort should be undertaken by the Illinois EPA and the Illinois Water Survey, or by an organization they retain for this purpose and whose work they oversee. We will cooperate in any way those agencies consider appropriate, including providing copies of expert reports and other materials.

If the County is interested in these proposals, please let me know. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Bielas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tom Bielas
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