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The Honorable Stephen L. Johnson  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Johnson:

I am writing to express my concern regarding the environmental contamination of drinking water in the City of Chesapeake, Virginia.

It has come to my attention that well tests conducted at the Battlefield Golf Club at Centerville, which was sculpted from 1.5 million tons of fly ash, revealed elevated levels of harmful contaminants such as arsenic and lead. I understand that the City of Chesapeake has requested that the EPA conduct a preliminary site assessment to determine whether the site should be considered as a potential Superfund site, which would direct federal funding toward environmental cleanup.

As you can imagine, I am deeply concerned about the possible public health risks related to these elevated levels of contaminants in the ground water. Because ensuring the health and welfare of my constituents is one of my highest priorities, I request that you keep me informed of regulatory action related to this case, and urge you to conduct the preliminary assessment as quickly as possible so residents and local officials can determine the next steps that must be taken to restore the water quality to safe levels. If I may be of any assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you. With kind personal regards, I am

Yours truly,

  
J. RANDY FORBES  
Member of Congress

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