

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Dear Ms. Blundell:

This is in response to the Rhone-Poulenc report of February 26, 1990 indicating that residues of acifluorfen were detected in two wells at the North Carolina groundwater monitoring site of the Small Scale Retrospective study [reported under section 6(a)(2)]. We are currently evaluating your follow-up report of April 9, 1990 in which you suggest that a re-analysis of the previous samples does not show detectable residues. We will contact you when results of our review are available.

The monthly sampling program must continue, along with reporting of any detected residues. If you detect residues, the Agency may require you to increase the level of monitoring at this site. Screened intervals should also be reported. This information would give a more precise indication of a possible location of a "front" of acifluorfen (although the Agency recognizes that it is not clear that the pesticide would be moving through the unsaturated zone as a front).

We have also received your letter of April 18, 1990, transmitting the Final Protocol for this study and notice of BASF's assumption of responsibility for the monitoring project from Rhone-Poulenc.

If you need some additional information or have any questions concerning this letter please contact Tom Luminello at (703) 557-0376.

Sincerely yours, *Edwin F. Tinsworth*

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