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Dear Ms. Blundell:

SUBJECT: Sodium acifluorfen groundwater study

This letter is in response to your June 28, 1991 letter concerning the sodium acifluorfen retrospective groundwater Data Call-In dated August 25, 1987.

The June 28 letter requests permission to discontinue monitoring at the North Dakota and Indiana sites. As required, monitoring was to continue until written permission from the Agency was obtained. BASF has continued, as required by the Agency in our February 11, 1991 letter, sampling at the Indiana and North Dakota sites for an additional year and reported no residues of acifluorfen. The Chemical Review Manager, Tom Luminello, in consultation with the Acting Head of the Groundwater team, Betsy Behl, informed you that it was alright to discontinue the monitoring and to proceed with the preparation of the final report.

Please be advised that the Agency is still evaluating earlier progress reports and has yet to comment on them. If there are any questions about this letter, please call Tom Luminello at (703) 308-8075.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Barolo
 Director,
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cc: Joanne Miller, PM-23
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June 28, 1991

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Subject: Sodium Acifluorfen
Retrospective Groundwater Study
Sampling at North Dakota and Indiana Sites

Dear Mr. Luminello:

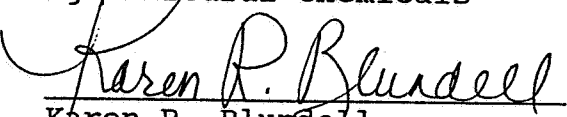
As part of its response to the Acifluorfen Groundwater Data Call-In Notice dated August 25, 1987, BASF Corporation has been carrying out a retrospective groundwater study at five sites across the U.S. Those sites were located in the states of North Carolina, Virginia, Arkansas, Indiana and North Dakota. The sites in North Carolina, Virginia and Arkansas were brought to closure in 1990; no residues of acifluorfen were found during the course of sampling at those sites.

On February 11, 1991, the Agency requested that BASF, through its' contractor, B B & L, continue to sample at the North Dakota and Indiana sites until one year from the date of the final application of product (June, 1990, for the Indiana site and July, 1990, for the North Dakota site). We have continued to sample at both locations for the one year extension and have found no residues of acifluorfen in groundwater at either site. BASF is therefore requesting with this letter, that the Agency allow sampling at these two sites to be terminated.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at (919) 361-5479.

Sincerely,

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