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Dear Mr. McManus:

Thank you for your letter dated August 7, 2000 concerning the Toxic Reduction Action Plans (TRAPs) identified in the Final Project Agreement for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) XL Project.

The goal of the TRAPs program is to identify non-regulated pollutants of local and ecosystem-wide concern and, consequently, to identify the source(s) of the identified and ranked pollutants. In addition to identifying these source(s) of pollutants, you have suggested that the TRAPs consider “unregulated sources” of regulated pollutants. We agree.

While the primary focus of discussion during the FPA process was on identifying candidate pollutants that are not currently the subject of regulatory control, the potential for addressing additional sources of pollutants that are already regulated in some contexts was also contemplated. As in your comments, we specifically discussed the possibility of mercury from dental offices and other sources being addressed through the TRAP process, even though the District has local limits for mercury that apply to its nondomestic users. .

We appreciate your comments and interest in this project and hope that this response has satisfied your concerns.

Sincerely,

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