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Mr. Dan Hinrichs, President
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Dear Mr. Hinrichs:

RE: Abandoned Dumps Adjacent to Mink and Somers Lakes

I have been requested to respond to your memorandum dated September 20, 1990, regarding the old dump at Mink Lake.

A review of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) files shows that the only records available on the Mink Lake Dump were the ones you already have and dealt with it's closure. This is because the operation of the dump predates the establishment of the MPCA's solid waste program in 1969-70. Prior to this time it was up to the local city or township to regulate it. However, many cities and townships did not have active programs in this area. I would suggest that you interview your local township leaders to determine what they remember about the operation of this site.

You asked if the Mink Lake Dump is the source of the lake's or area ground water problems. Please be advised that the environmental impacts of this dump on water resources has never been investigated. There are approximately 1500 similar abandoned dumps located throughout the state. Unfortunately, the MPCA does not have the resources to investigate any of these dumps unless they are suspected of having been used to dispose of hazardous wastes.

Hopefully, this information is useful to you. Please call me at 612/297-1459 if you have any questions on this letter.

Sincerely,

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