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Gentlemen: Attached is the GFCA letter from the President of the Great Falls Citizens Association (GFCA) to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), with our comments on the Corrective Action Plan Addendum and on the latest monitoring report on cleanup of the groundwater resulting from the gasoline contaminated former Service Station at 9901 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls. We appreciate your willingness to work cooperatively with our Community on matters of importance to our citizens. We particularly appreciate the cooperative tone set by Ms. Cynthia Sale before she retired from DEQ.

We particularly want to call your attention to the issue of carefully choosing the recommended lower end point (474 ppb), which we can all be assured will be protective of the many private wells surrounding the commercial area in Great Falls, Virginia.

We do not believe that choosing the alternative recommended value of 5000 ppb of Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) is defensibly protective, or represents proper public environmental policy..

It is important for DEQ to make a conservative decision to ensure our citizens are protected, and we are asking for the support of appointed and elected officials in the Commonwealth of Virginia, to support us now at this critical stage of the cleanup process. Choosing the lower cleanup level will mean running a groundwater cleanup system somewhat longer, but this is the prudent action to take.

Leaders of the six most affected businesses in Great Falls, have signed a separate letter from the Great Falls Business and Professional Association supporting these community positions in a united effort for the well-being of our Community.

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