



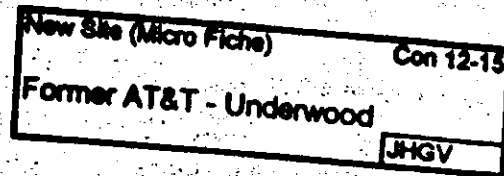
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Mr. Donald F. Schroud
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SUBJECT: Former AT&T facility near Underwood, Iowa

Dear Mr. Schroud:

This letter is sent in response to your recent inquiries concerning the position of this department regarding the need for additional environmental assessment at the former AT&T facility in Underwood, Iowa. As you know, the IDNR had taken the position, as expressed in a letter of March 29, 1993, that there was a need for further investigation at this site. We also indicated that resource limitations made it quite uncertain when the department would be able to actively pursue the investigation of this site.

In the time which has passed since we expressed that position, it has become clear that inadequate resources will prevent the department from addressing this situation. The number of hazardous waste sites coming to the attention of this department, coupled with the limited resources available to address them, has forced us to limit our attention only to those sites posing the most serious threats. The site in question is characterized by contamination in excess of departmental standards, however, it is clear that it is not among the more serious sites of which we are aware.

The department will not require further actions at this site. This decision is based on currently available information and does not preclude a change in our position should additional information indicate such a change to be warranted.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me at 515/281-7040.

Respectfully,

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