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R. James Nicholson
Secretary of Veteran Affairs
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20402

Dear Secretary Nicholson:

I am writing to you concerning a 2005 draft environmental baseline report MicroTech LLC prepared for the VA in connection with its C.A.R.E.S. process for the West Los Angeles VA campus. The draft report stated that radioactive biomedical waste was buried under land Brentwood School shares with the VA and that such materials remain buried under fifteen to thirty feet of fill. Local VA officials have assured us that no such materials ever were buried under the land we share and that MicroTech simply made a mistake. Unfortunately, the report was publicly disseminated apparently without VA authorization before it could be corrected, and it has been quoted repeatedly in the media, to the grave consternation of our school community. We need to be able to confirm that the report was in error to the extent it stated that any radioactive material ever was buried under the land the school shares with the VA. I very much appreciate any assistance you can provide in obtaining clarification for us.

Very truly yours,

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