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November 15, 2011

Subject: Intervention request for
Honeywell FM&T

Sent via facsimile (202) 228-6326

The Honorable Claire McCaskill
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCaskill,

Please consider this letter as a formal request for you to intervene on behalf of the citizens of Kansas City by demanding that the Department of Energy immediately release all information related to the recent water main break and handling of waste from the extensive spill at the Honeywell FM&T plant in Kansas City, MO.

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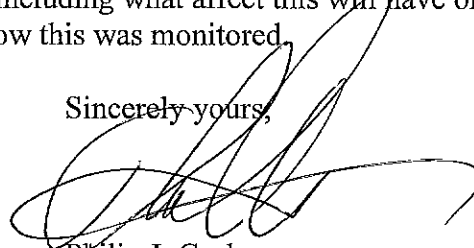
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On Wednesday, October 19, 2011, a major water main broke inside the Kansas City facility. We have learned that one third of the building was covered with water and sludge from under the floor of the facility. Walls and floors were damaged creating possible structural integrity problems, and fire safety equipment was impaired enough to ask workers from another union to cross the Lodge 778 strike line to make repairs; invoking the "Life or Death" clause in the union's National Labor Agreement with the company. This clearly appears to be a significant health risk to anyone working in the plant, anyone in the area surrounding the plant, and possibly a much wider portion of Kansas City.

On October 25, 2011, IAMAW Local Lodge 778 wrote a letter asking for an investigation into the handling of the water main break. As of yet, we have not received any formal replies from Glenn S. Podonsk, Chief Health, Safety, and Security Office, Office of Health, Safety and Security, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C.

We would sincerely appreciate your efforts in securing the public disclosure of the results of any testing done on waste that was generated from the water main break, the certification records of clean-up workers and their Federal I9 Employment Documentation, chain of custody of the waste disposal, results of any Environmental Impact Study this incident has created; including what affect this will have on the known underground PCB plumes on site and how this was monitored.

Sincerely yours,



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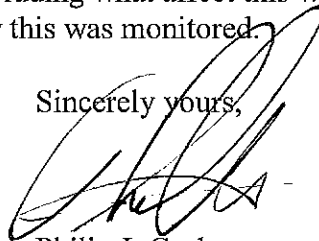
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