



February 27, 2002

Mr. Gene Bonano
NRC Region 3
801 Warrenville Road
Lisle, IL 60532

Dear Mr. Bonano:

The Project On Government Oversight (POGO) investigates, exposes, and seeks to remedy systemic abuses of power, mismanagement, and subservience by the federal government to powerful special interests. Founded in 1981, POGO is a politically-independent, nonprofit watchdog that strives to promote a government that is accountable to the citizenry.

We are currently investigating the Industrial Excess Landfill in Uniontown, Ohio, and expect to release a report next month. However, there are certain technical aspects of the case that we are not equipped to understand. I am hoping that you will take a look at the questions below and answer them to the best of your ability or recollection. I apologize if these questions are outside your area of knowledge. If they are, perhaps you could direct me to someone more appropriate.

If you have any questions, or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 347-1122 or by email at danni@pogo.org.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Danni Downing
Research Assistant

Enclosure

Questions:

Method 900.0 does not call for filtering (either in the field or in the lab as far as I can tell from reading it). Was filtering at IEL reasonable or scientifically justifiable? Why? Is that procedure (please specify lab, field, or both) still in place?

What effect does collecting tritium samples in plastic containers have on the results?
