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Re: Mercury Trackdown Sampling

Dear Dr. Wendroff:

This is in response to your March 16, 2000 letter requesting that this Department conduct certain wastewater sampling for mercury.

More specifically, you indicated that you are working on the Mercury Poisoning Project concerning the use of mercury for Magico-Religious rituals. As part of your study, you found that mercury is used by some segments of the population by addition to bath water, cleaning water, or ingestion. You believe that this mercury is entering the public sewer system.

This Department is interested in further investigating your conclusions, and will include a wastewater sampling study for mercury as outlined in your March 16th letter in our next headworks analysis. We will work this sampling effort into our sampling schedule and anticipate conducting the sampling within the next six months to one year.

Members of my staff will be in contact with you once we have identified proposed geographic area for the study and control areas. Your input on this matter would be appreciated.

If you have any questions, please telephone Robert LaGrotta P.E., Esq., Chief, Division of Pollution Prevention and Monitoring at (718) 595-4978.

We appreciate your time and effort on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Adamski, P.E.
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