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Dear Mr. Meiburg:

Thank you for your reply to my letter regarding a possible cancer cluster in the Acreage, Florida.

While I appreciate the promptness of your response, I'd like to request a clarification. Specifically, you wrote that "both EPA (federal Environmental Protection Agency) and DEP (Florida Department of Environmental Protection) have reviewed our databases and found no known sites or releases of hazardous substances in and around the Acreage."

To the contrary, it's my understanding that two decades ago the government considered putting a manufacturing site nearby the Acreage on the Superfund list. I'm told the Environmental Protection Agency considered the Pratt Whitney Site there for inclusion in the Superfund program on September 18, 1985.

EPA initially had proposed the site on October 15, 1984, but later re-evaluated in response to public comments. Then on October 4, 1989, EPA decided to remove 27 sites, including the Pratt Whitney site, from further consideration for listing on the NPL, because the agency determined an ongoing cleanup effort was sufficient.

Please let me know why the history of this didn't come up in your database search regarding the Acreage.

Additionally, the Florida DEP started sampling private wells in the Acreage on Aug. 4. This is a positive step forward and I encourage you to continue to lend any and all assistance to the state while it undertakes well testing.

Thank you for your continued attention to this serious issue. The Acreage community is in dire need of answers and is appreciative of your responsiveness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Nelson".