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Public Works February 24, 1967

Raytheon Semiconductor
350 Ellis Street
Mountain View, California

Attention: Plant Manager

Gentlemen:

We have been advised by our field force that erratic operation of your industrial waste neutralizing facility was observed on Thursday, February 23, 1967.

Detection was initially made at 8:50 A.M. in the City's sanitary sewer main at Fairchild and Whisman Road and progressively followed to your plant lateral. The pH range of the effluent sampled was from a low of 3.0 to a high of 12.0 which is far outside the acceptable limit at both ends of the scale.

Your plant personnel were advised of conditions and presumably took immediate corrective action although by then a substantial amount of potentially harmful material was in the City's sanitary system.

Early Wednesday morning for a period of about two hours our treatment plant records indicated an ususual fluctuation of waste influent pH and at 7:50 A.M. a strong odor of Trichlorethylene was evident. This may or may not be related to your operations, but it is indicative of a major pretreatment malfunction.

If you have made a change in neutralizing processing or have had equipment malfunction will you please so advise.

We also request that you review your plant records and inform us of the date and time at which erratic nuetralization was first noted during the week of February 20.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE L. McPHEETERS
Water Division Engineer

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