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November 20, 2006

Michael L. Walma
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Dear Michael L. Walma:

As you may have heard, Ice Mountain is considering a location in your area for installation of a well that could provide additional water to support Ice Mountain's growing business in the region. We would like to introduce ourselves and make sure you hear from us before we begin environmental assessments planned at this property.

The location — a 460-acre property in Monroe Twp. — is an attractive source of water for several reasons:

- It has significant water resources, both underground and in the White River. This is important because a water withdrawal at this site would be unlikely to adversely affect the environment.
- Three years of environmental information collected from this site indicates a healthy and robust ecosystem.
- This area receives plenty of rain and snowmelt to provide stable replenishment of water (recharge) to the aquifer and environment.

Our intention is to add to the sources of spring water that we rely upon. We would like to do this in order to meet the growing popularity of Ice Mountain bottled water products in a way that does not put a strain on the environment or any single water resource. This diversification of sources is a key part of our commitment to being responsible stewards of the water resources.

Our plan is to begin environmental feasibility studies on the property beginning in December. This first of several studies should last about 4-6 weeks, and will include the installation of up to five groundwater monitoring wells around the property. These are small diameter wells, not equipped with pumps, that allow us to measure changes in groundwater levels. Also, a temporary test well will be drilled and installed with a pump. Pumping water from the test well, while measuring changes in groundwater levels in the monitoring wells will help scientists begin to understand and predict any potential effects that long-term pumping may have on groundwater and surface water (river, wetlands, etc.) features of the site.

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Once this phase is completed and information is analyzed, we will make it available to you before moving to a second phase in 2007.

We appreciate your interest and look forward to answering any questions you may have. Please feel free to contact either of us at 231-823-8955.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "G H Fox".

Gregory Fox
Natural Resource Manager

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobbi E. McClead".

Bobbi McClead
Geologist