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Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority  
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**RE: MAWSA's request for \$250,000 co-sponsorship to help install TCE-related improvements in public drinking water system**

Dear Mr. MacQuarrie,

Thank you for your letter of August 4<sup>th</sup>. Antrim County is deeply concerned about the contaminated ground water plume moving from the old Wickes site in Mancelona. We know this problem has been long in the making and deserves a community-wide approach to reach a long range solution. We applaud MAWSA for its leadership in working with MDEQ in the initial phase to provide safe drinking water to a large area of the County.

Your letter makes reference to the July 3<sup>rd</sup> letter from MDEQ to the County. A close reading of that letter shows that Mr. Wagner pledged that if the "community is able to contribute \$250,000 towards this effort," the DEQ will commit an additional \$250,000. Michigan Counties must be authorized to legally transfer public funds for functions that Counties are authorized to perform.

We respectfully request that you or your legal counsel provide us with a written description of the statutory authority for Antrim County to "contribute" the money you asked for. Kindly send same to our civil counsel, Mr. James L. Rossiter, P.O. Box 280, Bellaire, MI 49615.

Thank you again for all your good work and we look forward to working with you to reach a comprehensive approach to this seemingly intractable problem.

Very truly yours,

Michael Crawford, Chairman  
Antrim County Board of Commissioners