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Mr. Van Long, Plant Manager  
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Dear Mr. Long:

I am writing concerning the chlorine leak at Rhone-Poulenc's Institute Plant on May 18, 1993. Although, in the opinion of some, the nine-gallon leak was not major in magnitude, it did create some anxiety and inconvenience to those within our College community and residents of the Institute-Dunbar-Nitro areas. I was relieved to know that the spill did not result in any serious injuries.

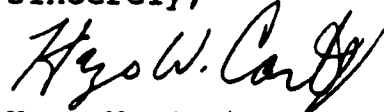
Since you are just beginning your tenure at the Rhone-Poulenc Institute plant, I am taking this opportunity to provide you with copies of two letters that I sent to former plant managers. In these letters, I stress the need for officials at Rhone-Poulenc to take every precaution to prevent leaks and hazardous emissions. When incidents of this nature do occur, it is vital that the College be notified immediately so that we can take the necessary safety and precautionary measures to protect those who work and study at West Virginia State College.

I am confident that you, like your predecessors, will be diligent in monitoring operations and setting standards to ensure the safety and well-being of your workers and those persons in the surrounding communities. It is imperative that the College be promptly informed of leaks, emissions, and other potentially dangerous situations that might occur at your facility. We can then take the necessary precautionary and safety measures to minimize the ill-effects caused by such emergencies.

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I enjoyed meeting with you in March and am confident that I can count on your cooperation and support as we work together for the betterment of this community.

Sincerely,



Hazo W. Carter, Jr.  
President

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Enclosures

cc Mrs. Sandra Henderson, Chair  
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