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Mr. Jon Wertheim
Correspondent, *60 Minutes*
CBS News
524 West 57th Street
New York, NY 10019-2958

Dear Mr. Wertheim:

Since the beginning of September my colleagues have shared a significant amount of information and spent a considerable amount of time to help your team understand the complex issues surrounding the MC-20 Incident from its occurrence in September 2004 up until the present time. It has been our hope that this time invested has allowed your team to understand the critical technical and scientific issues which are paramount to determining the proper course forward.

At this stage I have chosen to decline the invitation to be interviewed on camera for your report. Part of my reasoning is that this matter is the subject of pending litigation. Also, however, I am not convinced that this act-of-God catastrophe and the complex response thereto having generated thousands of pages of scientific data and analysis (not to mention thousands of pages of legal and administrative documents) and tens of thousands of hours of study and deliberation by scores of scientists, government officials and subject matter experts over the past 17 years, can be adequately and objectively explained in 13 minutes or less.

For the record, Since this event occurred in 2004 Taylor Energy Company has retained and relied upon the world's foremost experts to study and then recommend a plan of action to address the sheening at MC-20. Every action taken was performed only after careful and exhaustive analysis and risk evaluation. At all times the protection of the environment has been our guiding principle, and we continue to advocate for a response driven by science. Taylor Energy Company has and will continue to look for a path to bring closure to this matter for the benefit of the environment and in the interest of all parties.

Sincerely,

Will Pecue
President – Taylor Energy Company LLC

cc: Oriana Zill, Producer
Emily Gordon, Associate Producer