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Dear Todd,

Thank you for the recent visit you made to our farm in Waterford Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania. I appreciate all the time you took to walk my fields to better understand my frustration regarding the effects of the restoration plan and the Consent Decree upon my upland fields and the need to clean the drainage ditches on my farm.

On your visit you provided us with a map indicating a wetland area that you had outlined, to the best of your ability, from the information you had in the file. As indicated, you also found no record of any specific boundaries ever being outlined by EPA. You also indicated that you were willing to work with us in establishing the boundary lines, which we were very appreciative of. After studying the map and giving it a bit more consideration, I have indicated on the enclosed map where I believe an upland/wetland boundary should be designated and a point where I believe it would be most logical to maintain the drainage ditches at. I believe we discussed this during your visit. The area being removed from the map faces Greenlee and Lane Roads.

I also appreciate the time you took to visit my farm in Garland, Pennsylvania. After so many months of uncertainty, I am happy to be moving forward and, hopefully, toward fruition of these projects that I have been trying to complete for so long. With that being said, I am also wondering if you have had any follow-up or dialogue with any of the state agencies that we discussed on your visit. I am at least hopeful that you are able to send them all a letter confirming our discussion and EPA's determination. Hopefully, this will prevent any future problems in regard to cleaning the ditches and allow us to keep the property in Waterford in its pre-1984 status for perpetuity as was ordered by the judge in the Court's final decision.

If you have any questions, I would be happy to discuss them with you. Thanks again for all your effort. It is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Brace

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Enclosure

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