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Robert Burd, Director  
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Dear Mr. Burd:

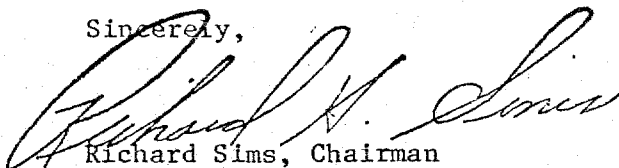
At its December 3-5, 1980, meeting in Anchorage, the Alaska 208 Policy Advisory Committee discussed the work plans being submitted by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for funding under the 208 program.

We were extremely enthusiastic about one in particular, the Village Facilities Assistance Project. We think this project will be exceptionally helpful in preventing health problems and protecting Alaska's water resources. Its practical approach to problems in Alaska's rural towns and villages is dear to the hearts of all Alaskan taxpayers.

Our understanding is that this is a pilot project to demonstrate the feasibility of such a program. We feel that, if it is successful, such a program will be eminently salable to the Alaska State Legislature. If this project is found to work in one region of the state, we expect all other regions to be pressing their legislators for funding to set up similar programs.

We encourage your agency to approve funding for this valuable project. Please let us know if we can be of assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard N. Sims, Chairman