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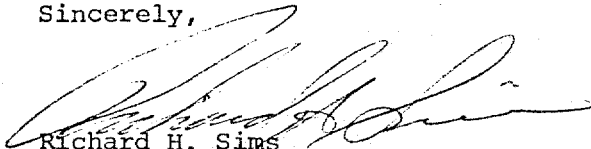
Dear Mr. Sexton:

On behalf of the Water Resources Board, I'd like to thank you for the informative overview you gave of the U.S. Forest Service's role in the Noranda Mining Project on Admiralty Island. Your talk increased our interest in close inter-agency coordination on the project. We view this as a good opportunity to develop baseline data now lacking regarding the impact of heavy metals on fresh and salt water ecosystems.

As you begin the EIS process, we are concerned that all interested parties have an opportunity to be heard. We are sure that this will not be a problem, but if there are measures we could take to further this end, please don't hesitate to advise us.

Again, thank you for your presentation.

Sincerely,



Richard H. Sims
Chairman

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