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Hello Larry

After the meeting on Friday you asked if I knew anything about the comments made by the public regarding the gas pipes leaking benzene in Germany. I have done some research on this since Friday and found some information on the topic. The public was referring to a situation in Germany where a polyethylene pipe was being used to transport a liquid that contained benzene through the town of Niedersachsen Germany. The benzene was leaking from the polyethylene pipeline and contaminating the local soil and ground water.

There are 2 significant differences between that project and the SJG project, the materials used for the project and the contents of the pipeline. First, the material of the pipeline in Germany was polyethylene where as SJG's BL England Pipeline Project uses steel for the pipeline. The second difference is that the pipeline in Germany was transporting a fluid that contained Benzene. SJG's pipeline will be used to transport natural gas which does not contain Benzene in any form.

Basically, there were no steel pipelines transporting natural gas leaking benzene in Germany.

It should be noted that this is another instance where the information presented, upon closer examination, has little or no impact on this project. It is unfortunate that there have been so many issues raised similar to this in an attempt to stop this project due to a lack of understanding of the project or ulterior motives of the opponents.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Please let me know what you think.

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