



Mr. Glodomiro Sanchez
Minister
Ministry of Energy and Mines
Republic of Peru

December 14, 2005

Dear Minister Sanchez

VME <input type="checkbox"/>	PPEI <input type="checkbox"/>	DGM <input type="checkbox"/>
VMM <input type="checkbox"/>	AJ <input type="checkbox"/>	DGAAE <input type="checkbox"/>
SG <input type="checkbox"/>	ADM <input type="checkbox"/>	DGAAM <input type="checkbox"/>
CCEM <input type="checkbox"/>	DGE <input type="checkbox"/>	PRENS <input type="checkbox"/>
AI <input type="checkbox"/>	DGH <input type="checkbox"/>	S. PRIV. <input type="checkbox"/>
	DEP <input type="checkbox"/>	
1 <input type="checkbox"/> Prep. Rpta.	6 <input type="checkbox"/> Tomar Acción	
2 <input type="checkbox"/> Opinar	7 <input type="checkbox"/> Informar	
3 <input type="checkbox"/> Revisar	8 <input type="checkbox"/> Hacer Segum.	
4 <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinar	9 <input type="checkbox"/> Difundir	
5 <input type="checkbox"/> Hablamos	10 <input type="checkbox"/> Archivar	

I write to express my concern about the critical health situation of children and expectant mothers in La Oroya.. I understand that you have the authority to hold the Doe Run Company of St. Louis, Missouri to its legal obligation to respect Peruvian environmental legislation.

On three separate occasions, the Doe Run Company has sought and won permission to postpone the critically-needed environmental improvements which would have improved the population's health. Now the Company is threatening to close down if it is not granted a five year extension.

The Peruvian Health Ministry's recent lead study showed that 99.9% of La Oroya's children have lead poisoning and both the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and Lima's El Comercio newspapers have challenged the Peruvian Government to fulfill its constitutional role of safeguarding the life and health of L Oroya's population.

I urge you to protect the health of La Oroya's people by not approving an extension for Doe Run's Environmental Management and Pollution Mitigation Agreement (PAMA in Spanish).

Sincerely, *Mary A. Becker*

Mrs. Mary A. Becker
13111 W. Seville Drive
Sun City West, Arizona
United States of America