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Dear Dr Lucas,

Thank you very much for your letter and your interest in the review of Council Recommendation 1999/519/EC on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields. This recommendation is technology-neutral and is also appropriate to TETRA technology.

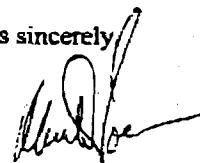
The Scientific Committee on Toxicity, Ecotoxicity and the Environment reviewed the situation in November 2001 and concluded that: "the additional information which has become available on carcinogenic and other non-thermal effects of radio frequency and microwave radiation frequencies in the last years does not justify a revision of exposure limits set by the Commission".

In the Recommendation, the Council invites the Commission to prepare a report, within five years, on the basis of scientific developments and input from the Member States.

In preparation of such a report, the Commission services will take account of the outcomes of a number of large-scale research studies which are co-ordinated by the World Health Organisation. It is hoped that their findings will be available during 2004.

After concluding the review, the Commission will decide whether or not to propose to update the Council conclusion.

Yours sincerely


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