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May 31, 2000

Mr. Cotton E. Howell, Director
York County Office of
Emergency Management
P. O. Box 11706
Rock Hill, SC 29731-1706

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Mr. Robert W. Duggleby
Manager, Technological Plans
South Carolina Emergency
Preparedness Division
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201

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Mr. Virgil Autry, Director
Division of Radioactive Waste Mgmt.
Dept. of Health & Env. Control
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201

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Mr. Ron Kinney, Director
Division of Waste Assessment



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Ms. Sandra Threatt
Radiological Emergency Planning
Dept. of Health & Env. Control
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Mr. John B. Copenhaver
Regional Director
Federal Emergency Management
Agency, Region IV
3008 Chamblee-Tucker Road
Atlanta, GA 30341



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Division of Radiation Protection
State of North Carolina
3825 Barrett Drive
Raleigh, NC 27619

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Mr. L. Wayne Broome
Emergency Management Coordinator
Charlotte-Mecklenburg County
Emergency Management Office
600 East Fourth Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Dear Mr. Broome:



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Mecklenburg County Commission
Two First Union Center
Charlotte, NC 28282

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600 East Fourth Street
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Emergency Management Office
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Mr. R. L. Alexander
Cleveland County Manager



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P. O. Box 2232
Shelby, NC 28150

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P. O. Box 551



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Mr. Leroy Pittman, Jr.
Chairman, Union County
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P. O. Box 218
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Mr. Eric L. Tolbert, Director
Division of Emergency Management
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Raleigh, NC 27603-1335

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Division of Radiation Protection
Dept. of Env., Health, & Natural Resources
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