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**SUBJECT: RECOGNITION FOR SUPPORT GIVEN IN SAFELY SECURING AND
TEMPORARILY STORING A PORTABLE MOISTURE GAUGE FOUND IN A
COMMERCIAL LANDFILL FACILITY**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for assisting the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by providing security and temporary storage for a portable moisture density gauge which had been improperly disposed of at a commercial landfill facility. In the interest of public safety and health and because the landfill operator did not have a license to possess the device, we requested that you temporarily store the gauge until it could be properly disposed of. During several telephone discussions between members of your staff and mine, you agreed to take possession of the gauge under your NRC license. On May 12, 2000, a member of my staff delivered the gauge to your facility for safe storage. As instructed by the Department of Energy, on June 11, 2001, you shipped the device to Thermo Measure Tech, Inc. for proper disposal.

Your efforts significantly contributed to the health and safety of the public and the environment. Once again, thank you for assisting us in this effort.

Sincerely,

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Douglas M. Collins, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

cc: Commonwealth of Virginia

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