

May 8, 2003

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STORAGE CASKS

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While the results of the WGSTSC research will be sensitive and cannot be shared with the public, a non-sensitive overview of the research project will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Institute of Nuclear Materials Management (INMM) on July 13-17, 2003. The INMM annual meeting will be held at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa in Phoenix, Arizona, and is open to the public. INMM requires a registration fee to attend. You can obtain further information on the annual meeting at the INMM web site at <http://www.inmm.org>.

Thank you for your interest in the WGSTSC research. If you have any additional question regarding this project, please contact Mr. Francis (Skip) Young of my staff at (301) 415-6396.

Sincerely,

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