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Dear Mr. Frei:

Thank you for your invitation to participate in the subject workshop on October 12 - 13, 1999 in Las Vegas, NV. My staff has attended the previous two workshops, and has found them to be useful and informative. Three members of my staff plan to attend this year as observers: Jack Parrott, John Contardi and Jennifer Davis. We do not expect to be able to participate or make any presentations, as the review of the Savannah River Site methodology for classification of residual tank waste as incidental is still ongoing, and because the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's response to the petition on the same subject from the Natural Resources Defense Council has not yet been completed. However, we appreciate the opportunity to attend.

Sincerely,

[Original signed by]

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