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Dear Mr. Patrick:

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF THE CENTER FOR NUCLEAR WASTE REGULATORY ANALYSES  
 STAFF INVOLVEMENT IN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This letter is in response to your letter of August 3, 1994. A member of your staff, specifically Dr. Hersh Manaktala, was contacted to solicit his input and interest regarding possible participation in a proposed U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) program on vitreous waste form performance for low-level radioactive waste (LLW) and low-level mixed wastes (LLMW). Your basic question was, "Would the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses participation in the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) benefit the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission LLW program?"

The NRC staff was directly contacted with the same DOE proposal by Ms. Grace Ordaz and Dr. Paul Hart. We have declined to participate in the program as it does not have a direct benefit to the NRC LLW efforts. The basic purpose of this program is to qualify a DOE LLW package for disposal in a DOE LLW disposal facility. The NRC does not have regulatory authority over disposal of DOE LLW at a DOE facility. Since the program does not address commercial LLW concerns, we do not see participation as being of benefit to the NRC LLW program. It would be inappropriate to spend NRC funds on a LLW program which does not provide benefit to the commercial LLW community.

If you would like to pursue this matter further, please contact either Mr. Michael Bell on (301) 415-7286 or Mr. John Thoma on (301) 415-7293.

Sincerely, */s/*

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