Martin W. Walsh, Jr., Secretary Maryland Department of the Environment 2500 Broening Highway Baltimore, MD 21224

Dear Mr. Walsh:

Subsequent to our last review of the Department's radiation control program, we commented on the need to revise the State's regulations regarding low-level radioactive waste, specifically the adoption of the waste classification and manifest systems.

In your letter of November 2, 1989 responding to our review findings, you stated that "With regard to the promulgation of low-level radioactive waste regulations, the final draft is currently being reviewed within the Department. The Controlled Hazardous Substance Advisory Council should complete their review by November 15, 1989. Based upon the normal timetable for regulation promulgation in Maryland, we expect publication in the Maryland Register by December 31, 1989, a public hearing by February 25, 1990 and final adoption before June 1, 1990."

We believe that the timetable set out in your letter was an achievable one, however, we have not yet been provided with a draft for our review and work on finalizing a draft appears to be at a standstill. We would appreciate your review of this matter and an updated timetable for promulgation of the regulations.

We appreciate your continued interest in the Radiological Health Program.

Sincerely,

original signed by Carlton Kammerer

Carlton Kammerer, Director State Programs Office of Governmental and Public Affairs

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