Dr. Abraham Weaver Carver Research Foundation of Tyskegee University Tuskegee, Alabama 36088-2828

Dear Dr. Weaver:

The purpose of this letter is to provide our comments on your June and September 1990 quarterly progress reports for the Cooperative Agreement entitled, "Conferences on Radioactive Waste: Distinguished Lecture Series."

We have reviewed the June report, which contained copies of correspondence sent to Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions, and the list of acknowledgement letters received from these institutions. We have, also, reviewed the September report which identifies Carver Research Foundation's (CRF) response to those colleges and universities expressing interest in conference development. We note that, at this writing, the CRF has identified only two potential conference sites and suggest that follow-up telephone calls to individual colleges and universities may prove more fruitful. In addition, we recommend that CRF pursue the establishment of a conference site in the Washington area where resources and possibly speakers associated with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission can be utilized.

Finally, page 24 of the unsolicited proposal identifies specific aspects for which the project director is responsible including establishing a positive dialogue with the funding agency regarding subcontract progress with the potential conference coordinator, setting up an interlibrary loan system for the conference and details of specific budgetary and reporting requirements. Please provide this information as it becomes available and submit it with other reporting requirements in your next report.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding these comments or if we can be of assistance in other ways.

Sincerely,

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