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Mr. David D. Ed, Manager
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Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety
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Springfield, Illinois 62704

Dear Mr. Ed:

This letter is to inform you of the status of your request to R. Dale Smith, my predecessor, dated August 8, 1982 for NRC assistance with environmental research studies at the Sheffield Low-Level Waste Disposal Facility. The NRC has sustained a \$5 million cut in research and program support funds in waste management for fiscal year 1983. Therefore, we must evaluate all NRC-funded research projects to determine priorities with respect to this reduced funding. The five studies which comprise your request are being considered along with other projects associated with waste management that are underway or proposed.

I will continue to keep you informed as to the status of our review.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
Edward F. Hawkins

R. A. Scarano, Chief
Low-Level Waste Licensing Branch
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