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Dear Ms. Page:

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I enjoyed meeting with you and members of your staff at the meeting in Natural Bridge State Park, Kentucky. Being able to listen to your views on the Maxey Flats Low-Level Waste Disposal Facility allowed me to gain a greater appreciation for the problems you are encountering in stabilizing and closing the facility.

The list of 18 Program Activities Suggested for Coordination should help us in reviewing the ongoing research projects at Maxey Flats. We would be pleased to hear any specific recommendations on the research projects which you, or your staff, might have.

I have enclosed copies of the "Preliminary Site Stabilization and Closure Plan for the Barnwell Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility," which you requested. We are expecting Hanford to submit a revised closure plan in the near future. I will send you a copy of the plan as soon as we receive it. At this time, none of the commercial low-level waste sites has a final approved closure and stabilization plan.

Samuel Gregorio requested a copy of NUREG/CR-2478 Vol. 1, which I have also enclosed. If you would pass it on to him, I would appreciate it. In addition, we will send you multiple copies of the future volumes of this report series as they become available. Volume 2 should be available in December.

If the Low-Level Waste Licensing Branch can provide you with any information or technical assistance, please contact me at (301) 427-4658. My mailing address is: US NRC, Mail Stop 623-SS, Washington, DC 20555.

Sincerely.

Original Signed By

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