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Dear Mr. Brown:

Several weeks ago I wrote to you concerning the Commission's intent to initiate a rulemaking to establish the site cleanup criteria for the decommissioning of NRC-licensed facilities. In order to enhance this rulemaking, the NRC staff plans to conduct a series of workshops during which invited participants, representing a variety of points of view, will inform the staff of their perspectives on the relevant issues. These workshops will be scheduled for approximately two days and include some preliminary background presentations, as well as interactive discussion of the issues by NRC staff and participants. The goal of these workshops is not to pursue consensus but rather to provide opportunities for interested groups to express their opinions on a range of options available to NRC for establishing the site cleanup standards.

The Commission has recently approved the final plan for conducting the workshops and it is my pleasure to formally invite you to participate in the workshop to be held in Chicago, Illinois on January 27 and 28, 1993. Participants will be notified of the specific meeting locations in early January, 1993. I have enclosed a Federal Register Notice that provides further information on the objectives and format of the workshops. I have also enclosed the Rulemaking Issues Paper which will provide a focus for the discussion at the workshops. It is extremely important that each participant come to the workshop prepared to discuss the full range of issues and approaches described in the Rulemaking Issues Paper. Participants will also be provided with additional background material, including case studies of decommissioning projects, in advance of the workshops.

The Commission has set aside a small amount of funds to help to defray the transportation and lodging expenses for invited participants who could not otherwise participate in the workshops without such assistance. Please note that the Commission's decision to make funds available for this purpose is unique to the workshops associated with this particular rulemaking. The Commission is offering to assist with travel expenses because of the importance of ensuring effective participation in this first attempt to implement an extensive and comprehensive participatory

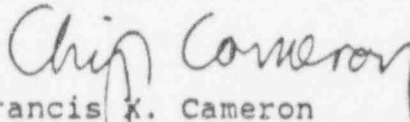
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process. These funds will be provided in accordance with Federal travel regulations and NRC funding criteria.

Personnel from The Keystone Center, a nonprofit organization located in Keystone, Colorado, will serve as the neutral facilitators for the workshop discussions. The Keystone Center will also be making the logistical arrangements for the workshops, including administration of the travel funds to those participants who meet the funding criteria.

We believe that your participation will make a positive contribution to the workshop discussions and I hope you will give the invitation to participate in the workshop serious consideration. Please inform us by December 31, 1992 of your decision on whether to participate in the workshop by returning the enclosed "Response Form" directly to The Keystone Center, Attention: Denise S. Hert, via U.S. mail: P.O. Box 8606, Keystone, Colorado 80535-7998; fax: 303-262-0152; or telephone: 303-468-5822. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 301-504-1642, or Dr. Michael Lesnick of The Keystone Center at 303-468-5822, if you need further information on the process. We look forward to hearing from you.

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