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CANADIAN MANIFEST FOR SHIPMENTS ENTERING THE U.S.

Mr. David Boulter
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Environmental Protection
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Dear Mr. Boulter:

On February 6, 1985, Transport Canada published new regulations for the transport of hazardous materials. These regulations, which became effective on July 1, recognize the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest (UHW) for those shipments originating in the United States and destined for Canada. Thus, under the Canadian regulations, U.S. generators are only required to prepare and transporters only to carry the U.S. manifest for hazardous waste shipments to Canada.

I have been asked by Environment Canada if this Agency would consider recognizing the Canadian manifest for those hazardous waste shipments moving from Canada to the United States. Before discussing this subject further with Environment Canada, I first wanted to solicit comments from those States which are most directly involved with Canadian transboundary movements. Toward this end, I have enclosed a copy of the Canadian manifest form for your review and comment.

In particular, I would appreciate your comments on whether the format, number of copies, and information requirements on the Canadian manifest form meet your State's manifest information requirements. Specifically, do you support the initiation of a Federal rulemaking action which would allow the use of the Canadian manifest form for any hazardous waste shipment originating in Canada. Of course, I also welcome any other comments you may have on this subject.

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I plan to discuss this issue with Mr. Vic Shantora of Environment Canada early next month. Therefore, I would appreciate your comments by December 6. In order to save time, I suggest that your staff contact Ms. Carolyn Barley on 202-382-2217 to discuss your comments.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce R. Weddle
Director
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Enclosure

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CANADIAN MANIFEST FORM
