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TCLP IN THE LAND DISPOSAL RESTRICTIONS PROGRAM AND
HAZARDOUS WASTE IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

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Dear Mr. O'Brien:

In response to your request of October 24, 1987 for an updated copy of the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) I have enclosed copies of the two Federal Registers where it has appeared.

The TCLP was actually created for two separate EPA rulemakings. The first rule, the Land Disposal Restrictions Program, was finalized on November 7, 1986. The TCLP was to be used in this rule to determine if a waste could be land disposal by testing it for solvents and dioxins. The second rule, the Toxicity Characteristic, was designed to determine if a waste is hazardous based on its chemical toxicity. This rule was proposed on June 13, 1986 but has not yet been promulgated and will not be finalized until late 1988. At that time, it will replace the current Extraction Procedure (EP) and wastes will then have to be tested for not only the 14 Ep constituents, but for an additional 38 organic constituents as well.

If you have any further questions about either of these two rulemakings, or the TCLP, please give me a call at (202) 475-6722 or write me at the following address:

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Sincerely,

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