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Dear Professor Zimmerman:

Thank you for your letter of October 27, 1995 requesting information on the delegation of regulatory primacy to states under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

I have enclosed a summary report from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) State Authorization Tracking System (StATS). This chart is updated quarterly and since the last update, EPA has authorized Wyoming for the base program. I hope that this summary assists you in your research on this issue.

In response to the second part of your question, Iowa is the only state to have returned its RCRA program to EPA. On May 3, 1985 the Governor of Iowa signed an appropriations bill that stopped funding for the program and suspended the relevant state legislation. In a Federal Register article dated June 27, 1985 EPA announced the transfer, effective July 1, 1985 of Iowa's voluntary hazardous waste management program responsibilities to EPA. Iowa was facing budget cuts and the state decided to cut one program in its entirety rather than make smaller cuts to more programs.

If you have any questions about the enclosed StATS summary, your staff may wish to contact Eric Boissonnas at (703) 308-9274. I wish you luck with your research.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Shapiro, Director
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