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Dear Lowell:

Thank you for your letter of March 30, 1998 and the opportunity to meet with you, John Quarles and other members of the RCRA Corrective Action Project on March 24 to discuss potential administrative reforms to the Corrective Action Program. The Office of Solid Waste places a high value on all stakeholder feedback and I want to particularly thank you for the role the Corrective Action Project provides in bringing together views from a diverse representation of the regulated community.

As you know, improving the pace, effectiveness and efficiency of the Corrective Action Program is a high priority for our Office. We believe the May 1996 Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking helped to initiate some positive changes, but we agree with the Corrective Action Project that additional changes are needed. As we discussed during our meeting, we are referring to a group of these improvements as CLEANUP 2000. While many of the activities associated with CLEANUP 2000 are already underway, we are always open to suggestions for improvements such as those you've attached to your letter. We are looking forward to discussing those suggestions in more detail in our April 13 meeting.

Please call Robert Hall of my staff at (703) 308-8432 if you have any questions about CLEANUP-2000.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Cotsworth, Acting Director
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