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CORRECTIVE ACTION AT FEDERAL FACILITIES

OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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Honorable Mary L. Walker
Assistant Secretary for
Environment, Safety and Health
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mary:

Section 3004(u) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) requires hazardous waste facility owner/operators seeking permits to undertake corrective action for environmental releases at solid waste management units within their facilities. On March 5, 1986, EPA published in the Federal Register a notice (copy enclosed) announcing EPA's intent to promulgate rules implementing these corrective action provisions at federal facilities.

Among other things, the March 5, notice indicated that "EPA intends to develop rules that would allow Federal agencies, subject to EPA approval after consultation with the States, to set priorities for correcting releases from solid waste management unit at facilities that they own or operate."

The notice also indicates that, in the interim before these rules are finalized, EPA and the States will review and issue RCRA permits, with EPA implementing corrective action requirements at federal facilities until the State is authorized. EPA will address issues not yet resolved by rulemaking on a case-by-case basis.

I want to encourage you to begin developing plans to establish corrective action priorities within your agency. Having such internal priorities will facilitate the ongoing negotiation process for permitting during this interim period. I would like to meet with you within the next two or three months to discuss your preliminary prioritization planning.

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I look forward to working with you to implement the corrective action provisions. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Cruickshank of my staff, at 382-4431.

Sincerely,

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