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Honorable Carol M. Browner
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, SW
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Notification of a Consultation on Alternative Approaches for
Disposal of Federal Low-Activity Radioactive Wastes

Dear Ms. Browner:

The Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) met on November 18, 1997, in part to conduct a consultation with staff from the Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (ORIA) on the Center for Waste Management's thoughts and early analysis on alternative approaches for disposal of Federal Low-Activity Radioactive Wastes and to solicit SAB/RAC feedback on the alternative approaches. The SAB has developed the consultation as a mechanism to advise the Agency on technical issues that should be considered in the development of regulations, guidelines, or technical guidance before the Agency has taken a position. A consultation is conducted under the normal requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, which include advance notice of the public meeting in the Federal Register.

As is our customary practice, there will be no formal report from the SAB as a result of this consultation, nor do we expect any formal response from the Agency. However, the Committee looks forward to the opportunity of conducting a formal review of the proposed approaches selected for disposal of Federal low-activity radioactive wastes in the future.

Sincerely,

/signed/

Dr. Joan Daisey, Chair
Executive Committee

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Dr. James E. Watson, Jr.
Chair, Radiation Advisory Committee