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Dear Dr. Triay:

As the DOE is aware, the EEG conducted surveys and obtained samples at the site of the August 25, 2002 TRUPACT-II truck accident near the intersection of the Carlsbad by-pass road and Highway 62-180. As noted in the attached memorandum, neither on-site surveys nor radiochemical analysis of the samples detected activity above the background levels. A more detailed report of the EEG investigation is in preparation.

In my September 5, 2002 letter to you, the EEG requested the radiological data for the airborne contamination within TRUPACT-II #157, which was on the truck involved in the August 25, 2002 accident. As noted in that letter (see attached) we believed that a timely investigations into the cause of this incident was important, and requested that the DOE supply the EEG with a schedule for these investigations and for the unloading and decontamination of TRUPACT-II #157. What is the schedule for a response to these requests?

Sincerely,

Matthew K. Silva
Director

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09/05/02 Silva-to-Triay letter

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