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Dr. Inés Triay, Manager
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Dear Dr. Triay:

Over the past months there have been discussions regarding the contents of several waste tanks located at the Hanford Site. High level radioactive waste is not allowed at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. Several of the 177 waste tanks at the Hanford Site may not contain high level waste produced as a result of reprocessing reactor fuel, but rather may contain transuranic waste produced as a result of plutonium concentration activities, which would meet the definition of transuranic waste.

The Environmental Evaluation Group (EEG) plans to convene a technical workshop to allow for presentation of relevant information and data relating to the contents of those tanks at the Hanford Site containing transuranic waste. The workshop format will consist of "Participants", those persons and organizations invited to provide technical views on the subject, and "Observers", those persons and organizations who wish to observe the technical presentations and technical discussions at the workshop. At this time we plan to invite presentations from the DOE (WIPP, Hanford, and Headquarters), appropriate government agencies, and directly involved parties. CBFO's support for the workshop is appreciated. To allow for sufficient time to complete the necessary technical research and prepare documents and presentations, the workshop will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, March 16 and 17, 2004 in Albuquerque and hosted by the EEG. If necessary, the workshop can be extended one day and include Thursday, March 18, 2004. We hope that the individuals and organizations identified below can be available for these dates.



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George Anastas (505-828-1003 or anastas@eeg.org) will be the contact point for the EEG. Kindly direct your questions and comments to him. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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