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Dear Mr. Offutt:

I am responding to your letter of February 21, 2001, to me in which you requested additional information to support the National Academies' review of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) clearance project. In our April 16, 2001, letter to you from Ashok C. Thadani, we transmitted responses to your questions that reflect the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's experience. Your letter was provided to the Agreement States with the request that they respond directly to the National Academies. Responses to Questions II a, and IV required additional time to gather the information.

The enclosed draft report entitled, "Inventory of Materials with Very Low Levels of Radioactivity Potentially Clearable from Various Types of Facilities," is our response to Question II a, on how much material would be cleared. The second enclosure, entitled, "Current Status of Clearance in Other Countries: May 2001 Snapshot," is our response to Question IV on an update of the country-by-country status matrix presented to the Committee on January 4, 2001. It has both a narrative and the updated matrix.

If there is any other information we can provide to assist you in your study, please let me know. I am looking forward to the results of the National Academies' study.

Sincerely,

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