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Gentlemen:

This letter is a request that our renewal application, dated February 29, 1984, for license 19-00915-03 be amended to include a provision for USDA to serve as a "Broker" for radioactive waste.

USDA is making this request, because the regulations are unclear as to the legality of USDA accepting, for disposal, radioactive waste from academic institutions or federal agencies. Often USDA has cooperative agreements with academic institutions or other federal agencies and it would be mutually beneficial if USDA could dispose of their radioactive waste by consolidating it with its waste for commercial disposal or could dispose of it using a method approved by its NRC license.

Therefore, it is requested that USDA's license 19-00915-03 be amended to authorize USDA to receive, transfer, store, repackage, and dispose of radioactive waste from academic institutions or federal agencies with which it has cooperative agreements.

We will be pleased to answer any questions or provide additional information upon request.

Sincerely,

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