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James A. Stevens, Director  
Safety and Health Management Division  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Secretary  
Office of Human Resources Management  
South Agricultural Building, Room 3304  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Mr. Stevens:

This is in reference to the Scope of Work, USDA Project Number AG 97-001 to remove radioactive waste from a former burial site at the USDA facility in Durant, Oklahoma. The site is believed to consist of sediment containing approximately 80 microcuries of carbon-14 in a five-gallon metal container which is buried four to six feet underground.

We have reviewed the Scope of Work and have no comments. Upon completion of the work to decommission the site, you will need to document that the area is suitable to be released for unrestricted use. Please submit the documentation to this office promptly so that we may approve the release of the former burial site.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Keith Brown of my staff at (610) 337-5048. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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