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The Honorable Kenneth E. Reeves 795 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mayor Reeves: .

Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary has announced a new approach to openness in the Department of Energy (DOE) and its communications with the public. In support of this initiative, we are pleased to forward the enclosed information related to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology site in your jurisdiction that performed work for DOE or its predecessor agencies. This information is provided for your information, use, and retention.

DOE's Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program is responsible for identification of sites used by DOE's predecessor agencies, determining their current radiological condition and, where it has authority, performing remedial action to meet current radiological protection requirements. A conservative set of technical evaluation guidelines is used in these investigations to assure protection of public health, safety and the environment.

The DOE has studied the historical records of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology site and we have concluded that further investigations of the site are not necessary because of the limited scope of the activities performed there.

Even though additional involvement by DOE is not necessary at this site, we are prepared to respond to any concerns you may have.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 301-427-1721 or Dr. W. Alexander Williams (301-427-1719) of my staff.

Sincerely,

James W. Wagoner II

Director

Off-Site/Savannah River Division Office of Eastern Area Programs Office of Environmental Restoration

Enclosures

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