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Dear Dr. Corradini:

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On behalf of the Council of State Governments' Midwest Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee, I am writing to comment on some remarks made at the September 9, 2002, meeting of the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB). Specifically, I am writing to support the suggestion that the NWTRB hold a meeting focusing on waste-management issues, particularly transportation.

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Since 1989, the CSG Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee has worked with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to develop policies and procedures for the department's shipments of radioactive waste and materials through the Midwestern states. Our original focus was the transportation program under development by the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM). In 1997, however, OCRWM drastically cut back its transportation activities, including outreach to stakeholder groups such as the Midwestern committee. As a result, the committee shifted its focus to the transportation activities conducted by DOE's Office of Environmental Management. We hope soon to resume our active role in working with OCRWM and the other corridor states to resolve issues related to the transportation component of the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management System.

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The Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee would be very interested in sending one or more representatives to attend the NWTRB meeting that will address transportation. I understand that the NWTRB is revising its original plan to hold the meeting on December 10-11 in Las Vegas. Given the importance of the transportation issue to many states along the probable

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shipping corridors, the committee urges the Board to consider holding the waste-management meeting in one of these states (e.g., Illinois, Missouri, or Nebraska). Doing so would give the potentially affected states a better opportunity to attend the meeting and provide our comments to the Board. If plans are already in the works for this initial meeting to take place in Las Vegas, perhaps a future meeting could be held in a more central location.

I am attaching a committee roster for your reference. If you have any questions about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Lisa Sattler, the committee's lead staff person, at 920-803-9976. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy A. Runyon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'T' and 'R'.

Timothy A. Runyon, Chief
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