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Mr. William W. Rice
Deputy Regional Administrator
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Region VII
901 North 5th Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

**RE: Project XLC Proposal - September 24, 1999**
**Agricultural Community Environmental Management Systems (ACEMS)**
**HMH Proj. No. 99079**

Dear Mr. Rice:

In spite of our sincere desire to experience the success of our Project XLC/ACEMS proposal, we must inform you that the basis upon which we first submitted our proposal has changed significantly. Therefore, our partner, the Institute for Environmental Research & Education (IERE) and HMH are no longer in a position to pursue this project opportunity.

Should we re-establish such a project opportunity in the future, we shall contact your office immediately and re-initiate the proposal process.

We wish to thank all the EPA representatives with whom we have had numerous telephone conversations over the past few months. Each was most gracious and helpful in our attempt to move the process forward. Clearly we established a communication relationship that should lead to future dialogue.

And even though we are no longer able to pursue the XLC/ACEMS proposal as submitted, we intend to pursue the design & construction of livestock processing facilities that shall set a new standard for environmental performance in an industry in dire need of change.

Sincerely,

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