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As chair of the University of Vermont Chemical and Biological Safety Committee, I support the Laboratory Consortium for Environmental Excellence (LCEE) efforts to explore more efficient and protective procedures for the management of hazardous waste from laboratories. I believe that the current RCRA system is problematic in the laboratory setting, and is not the best way to achieve the goal of safe and efficient management of laboratory waste. Issues such as handling and storage of lab wastes, training of lab waste generators, and site definition protocols for hazardous waste at educational institutions and laboratories need to be throughly examined.

I have reviewed the conceptual basis being proposed for the development of the Laboratory Consortium for Environmental Excellence Project XL proposal for laboratories. I believe that this provides a reasonable approach to the problem of managing hazardous wastes in laboratory settings and support the further development of this proposal by the Consortium.

Sincerely,

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