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Mr. Tom Balf
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Re: Laboratory Consortium for Environmental Excellence - Draft FPA

Dear Tom:

I have reviewed the draft Final Project Agreement dated August 6, 1998. I support the proposed project and believe EPA should allow this XL project to move forward

The project has the potential benefit of increasing the reuse and recycling rate at academic laboratories. The proposal does not propose a role-back in environmental protection requirements, it simply provides some administrative streamlining to a very complex system that gets in the way of effective chemical reuse and recycling in the academic laboratory setting.

This XL project sets a number of goals that go beyond the current RCRA standards. For example, it sets as a goal the increase in chemical reuse/redistribution of 20% and a reduction of hazardous waste by 10%. These and the other environmental oriented goals of the project are significant and substantial and warrant allowing this test program to move forward.

Please keep me posted on your progress. I look forward to continuing to work with you to make this project a success.

Sincerely,

Ed Shoener
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