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Dear Mr. Balf:

I am writing to provide my continuing support of the Laboratory Consortium for Environmental Excellence (LCEE) and its efforts to explore an alternative regulatory approach to managing hazardous waste in laboratories. The concepts presented in the Laboratory XL draft Final Project Agreement, dated August 6, 1998, and submitted under the Environmental Protection Agency's Project XL program have the potential to offer a very effective performance-based system for managing hazardous waste in laboratories.

Jim Miller from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has worked with the Laboratory Consortium and will continue to be an active participant in your efforts to develop an approach to improve and measure environmental performance.

Cordially,

Trudy Coxe

cc: James Miller, MA DEP

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