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Dear Mr. Sproat:

We are writing on behalf of The Council of State Governments' Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee, which is organized under a cooperative agreement with OCRWM. The purpose of this letter is to inquire as to the status of OCRWM's planned publication in the *Federal Register* of the draft policy and procedures for implementing Section 180(c) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

In the fall of 2005, the Section 180(c) Topic Group of DOE's Transportation External Coordination Working Group completed its task of developing recommendations for the 180(c) policy and procedures. Because states as a group are one of the principal stakeholders in the implementation of Section 180(c), the Midwestern states were very active in working alongside our counterparts in the other regions to shape the draft policy and procedures.

We are eager to see the draft that the states helped to develop come out in print in the *Federal Register*. We were initially told to expect to see a notice published in December 2005. One year has passed since that date with no new developments, however, so we felt it appropriate to contact you to obtain the latest information regarding the status of the draft policy and procedures.

We are sure you are aware of the great deal of effort that went into crafting the topic group's recommendations. The draft policy and procedures that went into internal review at DOE reflected many months of brainstorming, negotiating, and writing on the part of the states, the state regional group staff, DOE staff, and the contractors. The Midwestern states consider their contributions to the 180(c) draft policy and procedures to be a high point in our work with OCRWM.

Again, on behalf of the states in the Midwest, we eagerly await the opportunity to review and provide comments on the draft policy and procedures on Section 180(c) implementation. We trust that, if the draft published in the *Federal Register* resembles closely the draft that went into review, OCRWM will receive many favorable comments from the states.

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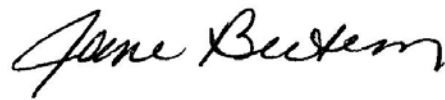
The Midwestern states appreciate OCRWM's support for the CSG Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee. We feel strongly that our states contribute substantively to OCRWM's goal of developing a safe, secure, and efficient transportation system that will merit public confidence.

Please do not hesitate to contact either of us or Lisa R. Janairo of the CSG staff (920-458-5910) if you have any questions concerning this letter. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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