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I want to thank those who participated in our second Hazardous Waste Forum held Oct. 23, 2007, at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Elm Street Conference Center in Jefferson City. With nearly 70 individuals coming from various businesses, consulting firms, cities, universities, solid waste management districts, commissions, other state departments, and the public involved, we collectively gained valuable information and insights throughout the day.

Our staff shared a few presentations to provide the framework for topics such as health profiles, satellite accumulation areas, the Hazardous Waste Fund status, along with updates on various laws and regulations. All participants provided information, suggestions, proposals, and lively discussion that will definitely help us evaluate the impacts of proposed and future changes in guidance, regulation, and law; as well as helping clarify various interpretations. We had a panel discussion on Satellite Accumulation with Todd Houts from the University of Missouri-Columbia and David Shanks of Boeing, representing REGFORM, helping clarify the issues and opportunities for change. We appreciate their efforts and will continue inviting stakeholders as panelists and speakers in future meetings to ensure we understand the issues faced. As we look to refine or eliminate the issue of health profiles for various facilities, we want to ensure we obtain the necessary input and make the appropriate decision in a timely manner. Although a limited number of attendees signed up to take part in the Health Profile Workgroup, we welcome others to participate in this effort if interested.

We are compiling all the comments, questions, input, and information we received during the forum and will soon be responding to several questions, providing additional information and providing a list of topics to consider for future discussions. We did receive 27 Hazardous Waste Forum Evaluation Forms from attendees and want to ensure we continue to obtain feedback in order to make adjustments in our efforts as appropriate. These evaluations help us tailor future forum topics to your needs. For those who were unable to submit their evaluation on the day of the Forum, we have provided an online version on the Forum's Web site. Please watch for updates to the Hazardous Waste Forum's Web site. All presentations and handouts from these Forums are posted on the Previous Meetings Web page.

As a reminder, I invite you to sign up for the Hazardous Waste Forum Broadcast Listserv. This is the quickest way to keep up on the latest updates on discussion topics, new postings, and news of upcoming meetings and events. List members may send information to the group by sending e-mail's to the listserv's address.

Again, thank you for participating in our second Hazardous Waste Forum. Together we can continue to make improvements in addressing the variety of issues and challenges we face.

Thank you,

Robert Geller
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