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for Maywood, New Jersey

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Mr. Thomas P. Grumbly  
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Dear Tom:

I am writing to express this office's commitment to move forward swiftly to accomplish the Superfund and RCRA Administrative Reforms we reached agreement on last week. I will count on you to provide promised resources. I look forward to working together cooperatively and constructively to achieve our mutual goals of improving the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of cleanup activities. Our recent meetings in Washington, D.C., and with regional managers in July in Kansas City have laid the foundation for the successful resolution to some of the critical issues confronting our programs.

I understand the particular importance you place on the development of summary sheets on Records of Decisions (RODs) and cost-effectiveness "rules of thumb" in time to affect the maximum number of future remedy selection decisions. We are willing to consider deferring specific ROD decisions, upon request, until these new tools are available, if 1) delaying a decision can be demonstrated to be legal, reasonable, and appropriate, and 2) delaying a decision is done in full cooperation with all appropriate stakeholders (States). I will work with you to address these situations as they arise on a site-specific basis.

It is both because of, and in spite of, the multiple uncertainties in our current climate that I believe it is important to continue our efforts to improve the Superfund program under the existing statutory and regulatory framework. We will work hard to accomplish the new reforms within the aggressive timeframes established to the best of our abilities.

Sincerely

Elliott P. Laws  
Assistant Administrator