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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: State Agency Requests for Exposure Assessments
Pursuant to Section 3019(b) of RCRA

FROM: Bruce R. Weddle, Director
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TO: Ralph J. Touch Jr, Director
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As you know, Section 3019(b) of RCRA requires an owner or operator of hazardous waste facility to submit an Exposure Information Report (EIR). These EIRs will be submitted to EPA or an authorized State. At some point during the review of an EIR, EPA or an authorized State may seek help from your Agency in performing health assessments. This memorandum asks you to coordinate with EPA when a State on its own initiative seeks assistance from ATSDR.

A State may seek to negotiate with your office a reimbursable interaction agreement for health assessments. These reimbursements will be financed using RCRA grant funds or State funds. A State cannot use RCRA funds to reimburse your Agency unless the State has obtained the prior written approval of the appropriate EPA Regional Administrator (this action would include a Headquarters concurrence). A State can negotiate freely with your Agency when reimbursements are provided by using non-RCRA State funds.

In any case, I request that you or your staff contact Art Glazer of my staff (FTS-382-4692) when a State initiates negotiations to perform health assessments. This will help us in coordinating the State and EPA referrals to your Agency. I look forward to working with you and your staff on future health assessments.

cc: Art Glazer, OSW
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