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Dear Ladislau Preidt:

Thank you for your E-mail of October 16, 2002 to Administrator Whitman concerning trash in the United States. The Administrator forwarded your E-mail to the Office of Solid Waste for response. We would be happy to talk with you about your program to solve solid waste problems in the U.S.

Handling trash is primarily the responsibility of state and local authorities, since the best way to manage waste can vary from region to region. Currently, our laws do not allow the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish regulations that require people to recycle or manage waste in a particular manner. Instead, we rely on voluntary approaches to encourage people to reuse, reduce and recycle. We do this by working cooperatively with states, communities and businesses.

You may also want to visit EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov> to learn more about waste reduction and our other solid waste programs.

We are thankful for your interest in solid waste and we invite you to send information on your program to: Thea McManus, Acting Director, Municipal and Industrial Solid Waste Division, Office of Solid Waste, 1200 Pennsylvania, Ave., NW (5306W), Washington, DC 20460.

Again, we would like to thank you for your interest in the environment, particularly solid waste.

Sincerely,

Robert Springer, Director
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