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Nigel Fields
US Environmental Protection Agency, Room 51155
Ronald Regan Building
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington DC 20004

Dear Mr. Fields:

My colleagues and I appreciate your efforts in the funding process for our Children's Center application, "Children's Environmental Health Center" (2P01ES09581-06, EPA number to be determined). Enclosed please find the documents you requested in your communication dated March 17, 2004.

We have included the initial budgets for each of the projects and cores with changes designated, assuming a start date of April 1, 2004. We have re-budgeted a 4% total cost reduction, with year one equaling $1,538,604.

The EPA forms and assurances [Standard Form 424b-Assurances, the Disbarment certification (SF 5700-49) and the Lobbying Certification] have been signed by our authorized business official, Sarah Cusimano, Senior Contracts and Grants Administrator.

We have included copies of abstracts for the overall Center and each project in the requested EPA format. These forms have also been submitted electronically.

Each of the projects has requested IRB approval. Two projects have received full approval and one project has been accepted with stipulations. Please see the attachment regarding human and animal subjects approvals for more information.

Finally, we enclose a signed original copy of the response letter to the reviewers' comments ("pink sheets") that was previously sent via email.

Thank you,

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