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Dear Mr. Patrick:

Please accept our sincere thanks for the excellent support provided by you and your staff in organizing and hosting our recent regulatory interaction on performance assessment. The Center's facilities are excellent, and the support by your technical and administrative staff was outstanding. Your efforts contributed substantially to the quality of the meeting and the effectiveness of the interchange was enhanced by the professionalism displayed by your staff in providing videoconferencing support and logistics.

We believe this meeting was one of the most productive we have had on the high-level waste disposal program; substantial progress has been made in demonstrating the performance of a high-level waste repository. The success of this interaction was due, in no small part, to the support provided by you and your staff. Thank you for your gracious hospitality and professionalism.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephan Brocoum", is written over a horizontal line.

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