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Ms. Linda Moulton-Patterson
Chair and Board Members
California Integrated Management Board
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Dear Chair and Board Members:

On behalf of the California Department of Health Services (DHS) I am pleased to offer this letter in support of the California Integrated Waste Management (CIWMB) Board's Contract Concepts to be reviewed at the Board's February 20-22, 2001 meeting (Agenda Items 17 and 19). The two Contract Concepts being proposed are entitled *Materials Emissions Testing in Portable Classrooms* and *Materials Testing for State Construction*. If the Board approves the proposed contract concepts, DHS suggests the Board pursue a contract with the Public Health Institute (PHI), an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting health, well-being and quality of life for people throughout California. Placing the funds with PHI, will allow the Indoor Air Quality Section within the Environmental Health Laboratory Branch of DHS to quickly hire staff in order to conduct the proposed work in a timely manner. It is our policy not to enter into Interagency Agreements for one-time only projects. The study of emissions from building materials relates directly to the Indoor Air Quality Section's mandate (California Health and Safety Code §105405) and is the subject of current research by the Section Staff, including Dr. Jed Waldman, Chief, Indoor Air Quality Section, Mr. Leon Alevantis. Deputy Chief Indoor Air Quality Section, and Mr. Nitin Kapadia, Public Health Chemist. These staff members will be available to make in-kind contributions to the project as part of their state service.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (510) 540-2475 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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