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**SUBJECT:** West Virginia Hazardous Waste Program  
Capability Assessment

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**TO:** Bradley M. Campbell,  
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During the authorization discussion at our recent Hot Sites Meeting for the Waste and Chemicals Management Division, you inquired about the resources available to West Virginia and whether the state has the capability to implement an effective hazardous waste program. EPA's national program policy and guidance for RCRA authorization recommends each Region perform a Capability Assessment in conjunction with the formal evaluation of equivalence of state program authorities mandated by EPA's authorization regulations. Attached is the Capability Assessment prepared for West Virginia. This document has been formally endorsed by each of the Branch Chiefs who work side-by-side with the state in the compliance/enforcement, permits, combustion, waste minimization and corrective action program areas. This Capability Assessment is based on formal, documented mid and end-of-year reviews of West Virginia's program performance over the last three years, as well as personal day-to-day contacts of EPA management and staff with their counterparts in the state. You are welcome to review the entire document, but I have placed blue markers on paragraphs I suggest relate to items you were referring to during the Hot Sites meeting. If you have any questions or would like further information please call me at Extension 2055.

Attachment