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June 1, 2000

The Honorable Michael Fressola
Mayor of Lakehurst
Manchester Township
1 Colonial Drive
Lakehurst, NJ 08733

SUBJECT: HERITAGE MINERALS, INC. (HMI)

Dear Mayor Fressola:

This is in response to our May 23, 2000 conversation and your recent correspondence regarding remediation plans for the HMI property.

HMI submitted a Final Status Survey Plan (FSSP) in 1997 for NRC review which described site decommissioning activities. Following NRC comment and the licensee's resolution of identified concerns, the NRC issued an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact related to the proposed FSSP activities on October 19, 1999 (Enclosure 1).

Since that time HMI has not initiated site decommissioning due to their inability to identify an authorized recipient to receive the material. HMI has pursued different disposal options and has constantly kept us apprised of negotiations for material transfer. Contract proposals for performing the work outlined in the FSSP have been submitted and are under HMI staff review. Once arrangements for material transfer are completed and the decommissioning contractor is selected, HMI will be expected to remediate those areas of the site where licensed material was used or stored and satisfy NRC unrestricted release criteria as specified under Option 1 of the 1981 NRC Branch Technical Position on Disposal or Storage of Thorium and Uranium Wastes (Enclosure 2).

As you requested, we will keep you informed of the status of site decommissioning activities. Should you need further information or have any questions, please contact Dr. Ronald Bellamy, Chief, Decommissioning and Laboratory Branch at (610) 337-5200 or me at (610) 337-5216.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Craig Z. Gordon

Senior Health Physicist
Decommissioning and Laboratory Branch
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Enclosures: As stated

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