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Ronald R. Bellamy, Chief Decommissioning & Laboratory Branch **Division of Nuclear Materials Safety** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region 1 475 Allen Road King of Prussia, PA 19406-1415

Dear Mr. Bellamy:

This is in regards to the meeting with Heritage Minerals, Inc. to discuss the Licensee's Final Status Survey Plans at 10:30 a.m. on April 10, 1997. I appreciate the invitation from Marie Miller to attend the meeting in order to exchange information as to the Licensee's survey plans, particularly for those areas of the site that have elevated concentrations of uranium and thorium not currently under license by the NRC. I plan to attend the meeting, along with one of my staff.

However, please be advised that our attendance should not be construed as agreement with any of the cleanup options or with the future termination of the NRC License. It remains our position that all areas of the site with elevated levels of thorium and uranium, being derived from source material, should be regulated under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

If this situation poses any difficulties for you, please call me on 609-984-5400.

Sincerely,

Bob Stern

Bob Stern, Ph.D., Chief Bureau of Environmental Radiation

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