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Dear Mr. Paperiello:

Thank you for your letter of May 8, 2001, and the IMPEP final report, which documents the results of the Colorado Agreement State Program review of February 5th through 9th.

Jake Jacobi, Radiation Services Program Manager, and the program staff have studied the report in both its draft and final versions and I think you will agree that the course of action they have chosen is appropriate, constructive and satisfactory.

Regarding the Management Review Board's first recommendation, Mr. Jacobi has obtained recommendations from the program staff and a final training and qualification program plan, consistent with the Agreement States Training Working Group report, is scheduled to be in place by mid-summer of this year.

The MRB's second recommendation, to have this program's reporting procedures conform more fully with STP Procedure SA-300, primarily concerns timeliness in reporting significant events. Mr. Jacobi and the program staff have studied Procedure SA-300 in detail and it is my belief that all future significant events will be reported well within the deadlines that NRC prescribes.

Finally, I expect that the MRB's third recommendation, concerning the need to complete all written reports for inspections of uranium recovery program licensees more quickly, will be met beginning with the next facility inspection. Each year the program has invested more heavily in preparation prior to inspections, in order to be sure that all details of the inspection will be gathered and presented in a consistent and timely manner. Uranium recovery facility inspections are particularly complex and by their nature unstructured; however, continued progress in preparation prior to inspection should achieve the desired results.

As in the past, the MRB's IMPEP process has been helpful and constructive. This program will continue to build on its experience and success evidenced in past reviews. I am confident that you will continue to find the performance of the Colorado Agreement State Program to be satisfactory in every way.

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Letter from David A. Butcher to Carl J. Paperiello, May 22, 2001
re: February 5 - 9, 2001, IMPEP review of Colorado Agreement State Program

On behalf the the Radiation Control Program staff, please let me take this opportunity to thank you and the review team for their datailed and courteous analysis of this program during their visit.

Sincerely,



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cf: W.E. Jacobi, Radiation Services Program Manager

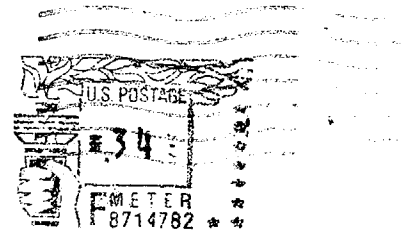
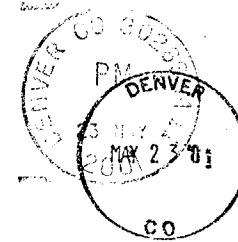
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