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Application to Amend the Current Agreement Between
the State of Utah and the NRC to Include
Regulation of Uranium Mills and Tailings

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June 26, 2001

Richard A. Meserve, Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Meserve:

This letter is to inform you that I have directed the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Radiation Control to submit an application to amend the current agreement between the State of Utah and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to include regulation of uranium mills and tailings. It is understood that NRC will review pertinent rules, enabling legislation, staffing and resources, and any appropriate aspects of the current Division of Radiation Control program.

In response to the needed changes to the current Agreement State program, the State of Utah is requesting that NRC allow the review of a draft application to commence without having the necessary rulemaking and legislation in place. It is the intent of the Division to pursue necessary legislative changes in the upcoming 2002 Utah legislative session (tentative schedule: January 21-February 8; February 25-March 6, 2002) with the intent of establishing the necessary legislation to enable rules to be written and staff to be hired. Since the legislative window in Utah is limited, allowing the Division to initiate the amendment process as soon as possible would expedite the amendment process. Our final application for an amended agreement would be submitted following enactment of needed legislation and adoption of rules. We would appreciate your consideration of this matter so as to facilitate the transfer of regulation of uranium mills and tailings to the Utah Division of Radiation Control in a timely and orderly fashion.

William J. Sinclair, Director of the Division of Radiation Control, Utah Department of Environmental Quality will be the direct contact for the state of Utah with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Please contact him at 801-536-4255 regarding any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael O. Leavitt
Governor

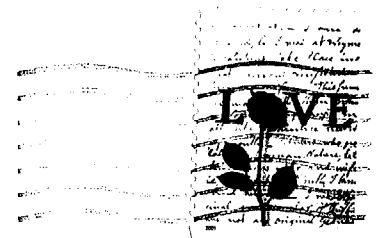
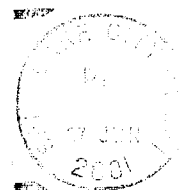
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