

July 20, 2001

The Honorable Michael O. Leavitt
Governor of Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-0601

Dear Governor Leavitt:

I am responding to your letter of June 26, 2001, notifying us of your intent to pursue an amended Agreement with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) concerning the transfer of regulatory authority for control of uranium mills and disposal of the resulting wastes to the State of Utah pursuant to Section 274b of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended. The Commission welcomes the State of Utah's interest in amending its Agreement to include the regulation of uranium mills and tailings.

We look forward to working with the State of Utah to accomplish this transfer. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me. Paul H. Lohaus, Director of the NRC Office of State and Tribal Programs will coordinate the NRC's activities in this effort. He can be reached at (301) 415-3340.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve

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