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MESSAGE:

Dr. Spitzberg:

As per our telephone conversation on Thursday, July 26, 2001, Kerr-McGee has now completed the backfill of the former Uranium test pit excavation area at our Technical Center located on the north side of Oklahoma City. On August 1, 2001, additional sampling of soil and water was performed by NRC Region IV personnel. While the NRC results are not yet known, our internal laboratory results on the splits of the samples show background level for the soil and water levels consistent with other recent sampling.

Closure of the excavation area was accomplished by backfilling and compacting the clean soil originally removed to gain access to the uranium test pits and supplementing with 196 cubic yards of soil purchased from an off-site agricultural site a few miles from the Tech Center. This additional soil was scanned and sampled and found to be satisfactory to use for the backfill material.

We will now conclude the surface survey of units 1, 2 and 3 that encompass the excavation area, which will complete the characterization survey of the total licensed site.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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