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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF REQUEST TO REMOVE THE STRANGFORD ROAD ACCESS
GATE AND SIGN AT THE BURRELL, PA DISPOSAL SITE

Dear Mr. Kleinrath:

In a letter dated March 26, 2003, you requested the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) review of, and concurrence in, a proposal by the Department of Energy (DOE) to remove a fence gate and sign at the Title 1 Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action site at Burrell, PA. During a recent inspection by DOE, the fence was found to be in disrepair and you noted that the gate at the location "does not add to site protectiveness or security."

The double-swing gate located at the beginning of the perpetual easement is used by others to access the railroad and two gas wells. However, the lock and chain securing the gate have been repeatedly missing during annual inspections creating a maintenance issue for you. We have reviewed your request and based on the reasons stated in your letter, the NRC concurs with your proposal to remove the gate and corresponding sign.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of NRC's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

If you have any comments or questions regarding the NRC's review, please feel free to contact me at 301-415-6699 or by email at jsc1@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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