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SUBJECT: DECOMMISSIONING ACTIVITIES AT HERITAGE MINERALS, INC (HMI)

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I am responding to your May 6, 2003 letter regarding the status of remediation activities at the HMI site in Lakehurst, New Jersey.

The information in the letter adequately summarizes your discussions with NRC staff related to additional planned decommissioning activities and commitments to complete final site remediation. This included a determination of release criteria for residual material within and around the monazite pile footprint, removal of fugitive licensed material outside the pile, offsite shipment of material, and demolition of the mill buildings.

In our January 17, 2003 letter we summarized discussions from the January 8, 2003 pre-decisional enforcement conference, indicating that a decision on NRC enforcement action would be held in abeyance pending your response to provide a plan for site decontamination and decommissioning. While we continue to review your decommissioning efforts at the site, the NRC enforcement decision remains in abeyance.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by Ronald R. Bellamy***

Ronald R. Bellamy, Chief  
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cc:  
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