

August 20, 1998

Mr. George Rael, Director
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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE LONG-TERM SURVEILLANCE PLAN FOR THE GREEN RIVER, UTAH, DISPOSAL SITE

Dear Mr. Rael:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff hereby accepts the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) "Long-Term Surveillance Plan (LTSP) for the Green River, Utah, Disposal Site (Rev. 2)," dated July 1998. This action establishes the Green River site under the general license in 10 CFR Part 40.27.

Based on its June 10, 1998, review of the revised LTSP (Rev. 1), the staff closed all open issues identified during its review of the draft LTSP, except for those issues concerning the perpetual easement agreement and right-of-access to the site. By letter dated August 8, 1998, DOE stated that, while U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Army are still working on the agreement and access road Right-of-Way, it has no doubt that these items will be completed. The staff considers this commitment to resolve acceptably its remaining open issues.

The staff has determined that the final LTSP satisfies the requirements set forth in the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 for long-term surveillance of a disposal site, and all requirements in 10 CFR Part 40.27 for an LTSP. In accordance with DOE's guidance document for long-term surveillance, all further NRC/DOE interaction on the long-term care of the Green River site will be conducted with the DOE's Grand Junction Project Office.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. James Park, the NRC Project Manager for the Green River site, at (301) 415-6699.

Sincerely,

[Signed by]

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