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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF THE "DRAFT" COMPLETION REPORT FOR THE FALLS
CITY, TEXAS, URANIUM MILL TAILINGS REMEDIAL ACTION PROJECT
SITE - (DOCKET WM-65; RITS 233BBA, TAC # L51162)

The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted the subject document and the Final Audit Report for the Falls City site for NRC review and comment. The report addresses how DOE has completed its surface remedial actions of the inactive tailings pile at that site.

This note is to request the support of your respective branches in the review of these documents. The purpose of the review is to evaluate DOE's remedial actions against the requirements of the Falls City Remedial Action Plan and the Remedial Action Inspection Plan, and to identify open issues to be resolved in the Final Completion Report. The review will require technical support in the disciplines of geotechnical engineering, surface water hydrology and erosion protection, radiation protection, and ground-water hydrology. To facilitate compilation of your comments, I am requesting that you submit them to HLUR in the Draft Completion Review Report format used for the March, 1993 Lowman tailings site review.

Pursuant to the MOU with DOE we would like to have our review completed in 60 days. In order to meet this schedule, I would appreciate your comments by August 25, 1995.

Please provide the names of your responsible reviewers to Janet Lambert, the HLUR project manager for the review. Contact her with any questions, for copies of the Lowman Review, or if there is a problem with the scheduling we have requested.

The Draft Completion report is in nine volumes so we did not enclose it with this request. Janet has three copies so your reviewers should contact her directly for the parts of the document they will need.

It should be noted that DOE has determined that the subject documents are exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. DOE has requested that they not be released to the general public at this time.

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Based on recent fee issues, the project managers need to establish an estimate of staff expenditures for each licensing action, and more closely track actual time spent versus the up front estimates of staff time. Therefore, please provide Janet with an estimate of the staff hours expected to complete the review, considering the details described above.

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