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Mr. Vernon Hill, Sr.
Chairman
Shoshone Business Council
15 North Fork Road
Fort Washakie, Wyoming 82514


Dear Chairman Hill:

This is in response to your October 9, 2003, letter regarding concerns with the Department of Energy's implementation of ground water compliance at the Riverton, Wyoming Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Site. Because your letter raises a number of serious issues that deserve careful consideration, a complete response will require additional time.

At the same time, I recognize that your letter raises certain issues that appear to be of an urgent nature. Consequently, I am requesting that Mr. Mark W. Frei of my staff contact you to schedule a meeting with you to discuss those issues at your earliest convenience and the results of our reviews of the issues you raised.

In the meanwhile, if you have any further questions, please call me at (202) 586-7709 or Mr. Frei at (202) 586-6331.

Sincerely,


Jessie Hill Roberson
Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management



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cc: Michael W Owen, Director Office of Legacy Management
Donna Bergman-Tabbert, Manager, DOE Grand Junction Office
Robert E. Roberts, EPA
Charles W. Grim, Director Indian Health Service
Aurene Martin, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs
Martin J. Virgilio, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Fort Washakie, Wyoming 82514

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