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SUBJECT: VERIFICATION MONITORING REPORT FOR THE GUNNISON, COLORADO,
URANIUM MILL TAILINGS RADIATION CONTROL ACT (UMTRCA) TITLE I
PROCESSING SITE (TAC L51108)

Dear Ms. Plessinger:

In a letter dated December 29, 2004, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) transmitted the *Verification Monitoring Report for the Gunnison, Colorado, UMTRCA Title I Processing Site* to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to update the staff on the status of the natural flushing compliance strategy for groundwater cleanup. The staff is currently reviewing the *Verification Monitoring Report* and will provide any questions or comments on the report in separate correspondence. Please note that any future correspondence related to the DOE's oversight of UMTRCA Title I sites should be addressed to the undersigned as the cognizant Chief of the Fuel Cycle Facilities Branch.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Rick Weller, the Project Manager for the Gunnison Processing Site, at (301) 415-7287 or by e-mail to RMW2@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

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