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SUBJECT: HERITAGE MINERALS, INC.

Dear Dr. Lipoti:

This is in acknowledgment of your letter dated April 7, 2005, requesting additional information regarding our February 4, 2005, correspondence. While I had attempted to address your concerns in my February 4, 2005, letter, your followup letter indicates that some issues require additional information. We are developing a response to answer the questions you posed, that will be sent under separate cover.

On April 26, 2005, we provided your office a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Heritage Minerals, Inc. (Heritage) license termination for your comment. Because this site contains both NRC-regulated and state-regulated materials, it is important to understand each agency's plan to ensure that any residual remaining radioactivity would meet each agency's applicable decommissioning criteria. Based on discussions with Jenny Goodman of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection staff, we understand that your office will review the draft EA for the Heritage license termination after receiving the NRC response to the questions outlined in your recent letter. Final Status Survey documents relevant to the March 4, 2005, Heritage license termination request are listed in the draft EA. We are confirming that these documents are publically available through the Agency-wide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). We will also provide you with a copy of the final Inspection Report upon its issue. These documents, along with my forthcoming response to your April 7, 2005, letter, should provide a clear basis for termination of the NRC license for this site.

Should you have any questions, please contact Marjorie McLaughlin at 610-337-5240. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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

Ronald Bellamy, Chief  
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