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Mr. Derek Widmayer
Low-Level Waste & Decommissioning Projects Branch
Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Materials Safety & Safeguards
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Re: Docket No. 70-3073; License No. SNM-1999
Release from Financial Assurance

Dear Mr. Widmayer:

Kerr-McGee (KM) has complied with NRC regulatory requirements regarding financial assurance. All decommissioning activities and final status surveys are complete, and all sectors have shown to be releasable for unrestricted use. NRC has indicated that confirmatory surveys will not be needed for remaining sectors, since confirmatory surveys were performed during the decommissioning of these areas. Those decommissioning expenses for which financial assurance was provided are complete.

NRC and KM both plan to achieve license termination by the end of calendar year 2005. KM has already provided funds in its budgeting process to provide health physics support and technical support (for dose modeling, responding to RAIs, etc.) to achieve license termination.

KM requests that NRC approve the termination of the existing financial assurance instruments, including the standby trust fund and the surety bond. If you have questions or comments, please call me at (405) 270-2694.

Sincerely,

Jeff Lux
Project Manager

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