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SUBJECT: NRC STAFF DOSE ASSESSMENT OF HERITAGE MINERALS INC. SITE

Dear Ms. Hovnanian:

This is in reference to your letter dated September 6, 2005 and our phone conversation on September 13, 2005, regarding the NRC staff dose assessment of the Heritage Minerals, Inc. (HMI) site. In the letter, you requested that NRC consider two input factors presented by your contractor, Enercon Services, Inc. These factors were provided based on phone conversations held between Enercon and members of our staff during which some of the default and site-specific values being used by NRC were described.

As was stated during our phone conversation, NRC will initiate its review of these and any other comments after the NRC staff distributes its dose assessment for a thirty day public comment period. We expect to provide by September 30, 2005, a copy of the NRC staff dose assessment based on the present HMI site condition to you and to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The dose assessment will also be publicly available through the NRC Electronic Reading Room.

This comment period will provide you and other interested parties an opportunity to examine all of the inputs, assumptions, and results the assessment involves within the content of the dose assessment report, which you have not yet seen. As we discussed, the NRC staff would also be available to discuss the dose assessment and the input factors, so that we may be able to adequately consider all comments that are received regarding this report.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by Marie Miller***

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