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State of Montana
Department of Transportation
Attn: Rex G. Hoy
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-05179/06-003 (FORM 591M)

Dear Mr. Hoy:

This letter and the enclosed NRC Form 591M refer to the safety inspection conducted on March 23, 2006, at your field office in Billings, Montana and at a temporary job site at the Columbus South Project in Columbus, Montana. The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to safety and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. Within these areas, the inspection consist of selected examinations of procedures and representative records, observation of nuclear gauge operations, and interviews with personnel. A preliminary exit briefing was conducted with Messrs. William Henning, Pat Barnhart, Paul Cade, and Ms. Rose Smith of your staff at the conclusion of the on-site portion of the inspection. The inspection results were also discussed with you during a final telephonic exit briefing conducted on April 10, 2006.

Within the scope of this inspection no violations or deviations were identified; therefore, no response to this letter or the enclosed NRC Form 591M is required.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's document system (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/Adams.html>.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, please contact the undersigned at (817) 260-8220.

Sincerely,
/RA

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