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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF SHERWOOD LONG-TERM SURVEILLANCE PLAN

Dear Mr. Kleinrath:

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has reviewed "Long-Term Surveillance Plan for the DOE Sherwood Project (UMTRCA Title II) Reclamation Cell Wellpinit, Washington", dated February, 2001. Based on this review, we conclude that the Long-Term Surveillance Plan (LTSP) meets the requirements of 10 CFR 40.28. The staff, therefore, concludes that the LTSP is acceptable.

In a letter dated December 27, 2000, the NRC staff provided final concurrence on the Completeness Review Report (CRR) that had been submitted by the Washington Department of Health (WDOH) for the Sherwood Mill. In that letter, NRC concurred that all applicable standards and requirements have been met for termination of the Sherwood license. In addition, by letter dated March 9, 2001, WDOH informed Western Nuclear Incorporated (WNI) that its license had been terminated and stated that all actions for closure of the site have been completed. Also, on March 9, 2001, DOE confirmed to NRC by facsimile that WDOH and WNI had completed the transfer of \$666,030.61 to the DOE for long-term care of the Sherwood site.

The NRC staff concludes that all actions required for the termination of the Sherwood license have been completed. Therefore, this letter accepts the LTSP for the Sherwood site and establishes the site in the custody and long-term care of DOE under the general license in 10 CFR 40.28.

An NRC staff environmental assessment is not required for this action. It is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(11).

This review was performed by Ted Johnson. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Johnson at (301) 415-6658.

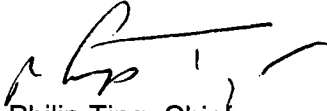
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