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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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SUBJECT: Moab UMTRA Project Remedial Action Plan Review

Dear Mr. Camper:

We were very appreciative of the time and constructive feedback provided by the review team that came to Grand Junction/Moab in September. Because we now have a remedial action contractor in place that is completing the cell design and finalizing the Remedial Action Plan (RAP), we are excited about moving forward with the necessary approvals to begin cell construction.

In addition to expressing our thanks for your continued support of our important project, we wanted to brief you on our anticipated schedule and request your assistance. Our current funding profile shows project completion in 2028; however, a proposed amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act, FY2008, would require completion in 2019. This accelerated schedule would emphasize the need to begin moving the mill tailings as soon as possible. The remedial action contract requires 2.53 million tons of tailings to be moved by September 2011.

Our current schedule is to complete the 60-percent design in early November and the final design in mid-December. We are also trying to minimize any changes in our cell design from traditional NRC-approved cell features. These efforts will enable us to submit the final RAP to NRC by March 15, 2008, and would like to have the NRC's approval by July 28, 2008. We will continue to work with your staff to provide clear responses to comments and will provide interim submittals of the cell design.

Our request is that NRC considers our project schedule when establishing internal priorities to allow as expeditious approval of the RAP as possible. We value our good working relationship and don't want to seem presumptuous of your support. We also recognize that you already have a full plate with the dramatic increase in licensing. We only make this request because approval of the RAP is on the critical path of our schedule.

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Do not hesitate to contact me personally if you have any questions or concerns. We would gladly entertain any guidance on how we can adjust our schedule and submittals to accommodate your workload.

Sincerely,



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