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Directorate of Environmental Programs

Jack Whitten
Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch B
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region IV
612 East Lamar Blvd. Suite 400
Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Mr. Whitten:

On behalf of U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground (DPG), I am pleased to submit the Phase II Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Investigation (RFI) for Solid Waste Management Unit 11 (SWMU 11). Although the RFI is labeled "draft", the report should be considered a "final" report. DPG is requesting input from you and is willing to provide any additional information that may be required to address any compliance issues associated with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) closure regulations.

As addressed in the RFI, there are both solid waste and radiological waste associated with this site. DPG is seeking approval for closure with waste in place (restricted release) for both types of waste and is currently working with the Utah Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste (DSHW) for closure of SWMU 11 following state regulations.

In addition to the closure issues above, DPG is requesting guidance from your branch concerning licensing for SWMU 11. While my office has been working with closely with Clair McBride, the DPG Radiation Safety Officer, and Paige Walton DPG technical support, we are unclear on how to resolve the licensing discrepancies.

Please direct your staff to contact Jeff Carter of my staff at (435) 831-2545 with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph R. Gearo, Jr." in a cursive script.

Joseph R. Gearo, Jr.
Director