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The Honorable Wes McKinley
Colorado State Representative District 64
9635 County Road 44
Walsh, CO 81090

Re: Uranium in Soils at the Piñon Canyon Maneuvering Site (PCMS), Fort Carson, Colorado

Dear Representative McKinley:

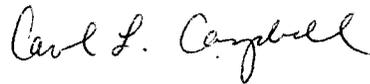
This correspondence is in response to your letter dated June 23, 2008, requesting that the Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 (EPA), together with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), and the Nuclear Regulation Commission (NRC), conduct further testing for uranium at the Fort Carson Piñon Canyon Maneuvering Site. The EPA is currently in the process of developing a phased sampling plan to address the concerns expressed in your correspondence.

EPA has scheduled a scoping meeting with Fort Carson, CDPHE and NRC personnel during the first week of August. The meeting will provide us with an opportunity to agree on a sampling strategy and establish the sampling locations. EPA will conduct the field sampling in mid September accompanied by Fort Carson personnel and possibly representatives from CDPHE and the NRC. Samples will be analyzed by a certified contract laboratory.

Once the analytical results have been received, EPA will produce a report which will include analysis of the data base, data quality control information, conclusions and recommendations. The entire data base will be made available upon request after the data has been validated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact David Rathke, Federal Facilities Program, at 303-312-6016, or E-mail Rathke.David@EPA.GOV.

Sincerely,



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