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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENT: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR
THIRD PARTY PROCESSING OF ION EXCHANGE RESIN AT SMITH RANCH
HIGHLANDS URANIUM PROJECT, POWER RESOURCES, INC., CONVERSE
COUNTY, WYOMING (TAC J00565)

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-0724 or, by e-mail to douglas.mandeville@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Docket: 040-08964

Enclosure: Draft Environmental Assessment

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