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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE LONG-TERM SURVEILLANCE PLAN FOR THE  
NATURITA, COLORADO, URANIUM MILL TAILINGS REMEDIAL ACTION  
PROJECT SITE

Dear Mr. Rael:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff hereby accepts the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Long-Term Surveillance Plan (LTSP), dated July 1999, as amended with appropriate replacement page changes, dated July 15, 1999, for the Naturita, Colorado, Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project site. This action establishes the Naturita site under the general license in 10 CFR Part 40.27.

The NRC staff made a determination that all of the previously identified open issues raised in NRC's transmittal dated June 4, 1999, have been adequately addressed in the July 1999 version of the LTSP for the Naturita site.

The LTSP satisfies the requirement set forth in the Uranium Mill Tailing Radiation Control Act of 1978 for the long-term surveillance of a disposal site, and all requirements in 10 CFR Part 40.27 for an LTSP. In accordance with DOE's guidance document for long-term surveillance, all further NRC/DOE interaction on the long-term care for the Naturita site will be conducted with DOE's Grand Junction Project Office.

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If you have any questions concerning this subject, please contact Mr. Robert Carlson of my staff at (301) 415-8165.

Sincerely,

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