

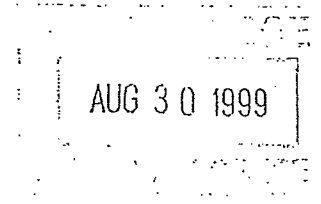
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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE LONG-TERM SURVEILLANCE PLAN FOR THE  
MAYBELL, COLORADO, URANIUM MILL TAILINGS REMEDIAL ACTION  
PROJECT SITE

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) Revision 2.0, dated July, 1999, for the Maybell, Colorado, Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project site. This action establishes the Maybell site under the general license in 10 CFR Part 40.27.

The staff made a determination that all of the previously identified open issues raised in NRC's transmittal dated June 22, 1998, have been adequately addressed in the July, 1999 version of the LTSP for the Maybell site. This version of the LTSP (Revision 2.0) incorporated page changes submitted in DOE's letter of August 24, 1999, into Revision 1.0 of the LTSP dated February, 1999.

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 Maybell site will be conducted with DOE's Grand Junction Project Office.

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