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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF REVIEW OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY REQUEST TO REVISE THE LONG-TERM SURVEILLANCE PLAN FOR THE DURANGO, COLORADO, URANIUM MILL TAILINGS RADIATION CONTROL ACT SITE (DOCKET WM-00048).

Dear Ms. Dayvault:

I am writing in response to the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) request, dated November 18, 2014, to revise the inspection requirements in the Long-term Surveillance Plan for the Durango, Colorado, Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act (UMTRCA) site (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML14364A109). Specifically, you are requesting that the visual inspection of perimeter fence sign numbers 40, 41, 42 and 43 be discontinued due to the hazardous nature of conducting the visual inspection (i.e., the steep slope on which the signs are located) and the dense vegetation at the sign locations. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has reviewed your request and does not object to the change in inspection requirements. However, you may want to consider posting signs at the foot of the slope, so that individuals that approach the disposal site from the northern side will be aware of the presence of radioactive materials. When you have revised the LTSP to incorporate the revised inspection requirements, please provide the NRC staff with the revised LTSP and we will provide our concurrence.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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If you have any questions concerning the NRC staff comments, please contact me at 301-415-6749 or by email at Dominick.Orlando@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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