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December 4, 2015

Mr. Rusty Lundberg, Director
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
AND SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT FOR PROPOSED
DECOMMISSIONING PROJECT AT HILL AIR FORCE BASE, UTAH

Dear Mr. Lundberg:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is requesting your comments about the enclosed draft Environmental Assessment and Safety Evaluation Report.

The Department of the Air Force (the licensee) submitted a proposed Decommissioning Plan to the NRC by letter dated May 12, 2014, as supplemented, for remediation of Site WR111 at the Little Mountain Test Annex, Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Site WR111 is a former magnesium-thorium alloy burn pit and disposal trench at the Little Mountain Test Annex. The NRC is considering an amendment to Master Materials License 42-23539-01AF to allow the licensee to conduct remediation activities in accordance with the instructions provided in the proposed Decommissioning Plan.

In accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations CFR 51.30, the NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment to provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement or a Finding of No Significant Impact. If you have any comments about the draft Environmental Assessment, please provide them within 30 days of the date of this letter, so they may be fully considered in the development of the final EA document. The final Environmental Assessment will be used, in part, to support the NRC's licensing decision.

The draft Safety Evaluation Report is provided in Enclosure 2 for your review and consideration. The NRC staff will also use this document to support the licensing decision.

Please note that the enclosed Environmental Assessment and Safety Evaluation Report are pre-decisional, sensitive internal information and are being withheld from public inspection. Please do not disclose the information provided in the enclosures to the public without prior NRC approval.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's Agency "Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter (but not the enclosures) will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room in the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Dr. Robert Evans, Senior Health Physicist, at 817-200-1234 or the undersigned at 817-200-1197.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Jack E. Whitten, Chief
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