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Dear Professor Nasmith:

In response to your request for information on the phrase "long term" as defined by NRC, I have enclosed a copy of the draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) on Uranium Milling, Volume 1.

The phrase "long term" is difficult to define. However, with respect to uranium milling, the phrase is generally used to mean the time following the end of milling operations and continuing for an indefinite period. This phrase has been used with application to the monitoring requirements of a decommissioned mill site, as described in the GEIS. For more details, I direct your attention to Figure 14.1 and sections 14.1 and 14.3 of the GEIS.

I hope this is responsive to your question. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Sincerely,.

J. Miller

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Enclosure: As stated

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