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Dear Mr. Lohaus:

On May 30, 1989, the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Project Office sent you copies of the draft revised Technical Approach Document (TAD) for review and comment. Through previous correspondence and telephone conversations your office indicated that due to other priorities and resource constraints, review of the draft revised TAD would be delayed. In order to maintain progress, the UMTRA Project Office plans on incorporating the comments already received from other reviewing entities and printing an interim working document. The updated version will be transmitted in November for subsequent review and comment. We look forward to receiving your input at that time.

In addition, the Project Office plans on updating the draft document entitled "Regulatory Alternatives for Groundwater Compliance for the Department of Energy UMTRA Project - Alternate Concentration Limits, Supplemental Standards and Institutional Controls." The interim working document will incorporate all comments received to date, but because there are several issues relating to alternate concentration limits (ACL's), the Project Office believes a workshop is still necessary, as discussed in prior conversations and in our letter dated August 23, 1989. Please identify a date when a joint workshop on ACL's can be planned.

Neither of the interim documents will be finalized until we can incorporate the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's comments and until the proposed U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's groundwater standards become final.

Should you have any questions, please contact Steve Hamp of my staff at FTS 846-1210.

Sincerely,

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