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Director Division of Waste Management U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Dear Sir:

Re: Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Uranium Milling. Project M-25.

This office has reviewed those portions of the document referenced above which refer to the particular concern of protecting cultural resources.

We are pleased to note that cultural resources and their protection are addressed in the document. Appendix F-6 clearly demonstrates that the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, is aware of the body of law and regulation regarding cultural resource protection.

We are also pleased to note that each site specific project activity that may utilize the results of document's preparation must undergo a complete environmental review and site specific E.I.S. study.

It is the opinion of this office that cultural resources in North Dakota can only be adequately identified, evaluated and protected when case by case, site specific studies and analysis of each proposal for North Dakota activity is professionally undertaken, managed and completed in consultation with this office.

Should the need and opportunity arise, this office will be pleased to consult with the U. S.-NRC on these matters. If you have questions about these comments, please contact Mr. Walter L. Bailey (701-224-2672) at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer

(North Dakota)

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