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Mr. Richard H. Campbell Project Manager UMTRAP Project Office Albuquerque Operations Office U.S. Department of Energy P.O. Box 5400 Albuquerque, NM 87115

Dear Mr. Campbell:

In response to your February 10, 1981, letter requesting NRC participation in UMTRAP NEPA activities, this letter is to confirm and formalize NRC acceptance of the role of "cooperating agency" in accomplishment of these activities in accordance with Section 1501.6(b) of the NEPA regulations issued by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1500-1508).

Sincerely,

Ross A. Scarano, Chief Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch

Division of Waste Management

cc: Robert W. Ramsey, Jr., DOE William E. Mott, DOE