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Docket No. 40-8907

MEMORANDUM FOR: Paul H. Lohaus, Chief
Operations Branch
Division of Low-Level Waste Management
and Decommissioning, NMSS

FROM: Ramon E. Hall, Director

SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON THE UNC CHURCHROCK URANIUM
MILL RECLAMATION PLAN

This is to confirm our verbal request to utilize Dr. Abt of Colorado State University for continued review of the United Nuclear Corporation (UNC) submittal for the Churchrock reclamation plan. Dr. Abt has provided technical assistance to URFO over the last 2 years in our review of the proposed reclamation plan for the UNC Churchrock Uranium Mill. This assistance was provided under a contract we previously had with Oak Ridge National Laboratories, who had a subcontract with Colorado State University. That subcontract was terminated last year, and we can no longer utilize Dr. Abt's services directly. UNC has now responded to our last request for information. To maintain continuity to not increase the current very heavy workload on our staff, and to try to maintain our review schedule, it would be to the agency's advantage to utilize Dr. Abt to complete this review.

We request that we be able to utilize Dr. Abt through your personal service contract, as you and Ed Hawkins have discussed. Review of the information provided by UNC, and identification of the remaining issues by Dr. Abt, will require about 11 staff days. Ed Hawkins, Ted Johnson, and Mike Fliegel discussed this estimate and have agreed that it is reasonable.

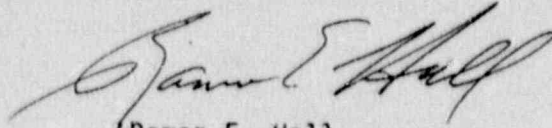
We therefore request that Ted Johnson be authorized to direct Dr. Abt to perform the technical assistance. Due to the contract conditions, we understand that Ted will act as Project Officer for this assistance, and formal direction from us will be through him.

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Thank you for your willingness to assist us in this effort. If you have any questions or need further information, please call Ed Hawkins or Ray Gonzales.

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Ramon E. Hall
Director

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