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Mr. Ramon E. Hall
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Dear Mr. Hall:

Enclosed is one copy of the Lakeview Final Verification Report. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is requesting concurrence in Lakeview, Oregon processing site certification that Environmental Protection Agency Standards (40 CFR 192) have been properly complied with. DOE official certification will become final contingent upon NRC review of the verification data and concurrence with DOE certification.

Please note that this is the first time such concurrence has been requested for a processing site where remedial actions included stabilization off site. The critical factor behind prioritizing the compilation and DOE certification of the Lakeview site verification data (as usually presented in Appendix J of the Completion Report) is attributable to the owners' request for land use. The owner specifically requested the right to surface use for the installation of a woodchip pelletizing plant.

DOE is currently investigating options for imposing restriction which would permit surface use only, and retaining easement for future groundwater characterization activities. None-the-less, DOE is solely recommending certification of the surface and immediate subsurface area based on thorough review of the enclosed data.

I would like to point out that the DOE feels confident the Lakeview processing site no longer poses a surficial health threat to occupants who may reside in structures placed inside the site boundaries. There is, however, one grid location which is exceeding the radium standards in 1000 years for Thorium in-growth. This exceedence was discussed verbally with the Uranium Recovery Field Office (URFO) in October 1989, and mutually considered negligible, given the number of passing grids and the size of the area.

I feel it is incumbent upon me to respectfully request that this review be prioritized, in light of the fact that the owners are unable to access the land for construction purposes.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Jolene Garcia of my staff at
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Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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