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Dear Mr. Layton:

As a cooperating agency and a stakeholder to the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Project, the Department of Energy is enclosing a copy of the Final Technical Approach to Groundwater Restoration. The development of this document has been a consensus-building process involving the UMTRA Project Office, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and technical representatives from the affected states and tribes.

The philosophy in developing the document was to keep it readable, somewhat generic - allowing room for flexibility, and to provide a reference to the technical framework encompassing the UMTRA groundwater program.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of the document, please contact me at (505) 845-5657.

Sincerely,

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