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Mr. Ramon E. Hall Director, Uranium Recovery Field Office Region IV U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission P.O. Box 25325 Denver, CO 80225

Dear Mr. Hall:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has expressed concerns regarding the inclusion of three modifications to the Final Remedial Action Plan (RAP) (December 1985) for the cleanup of the Durango, Colorado, Urar'um Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) site. As you are aware, this document is currently being revised in the new Remedial Action Selection Report format. Accordingly, the substance of each modification derived by application of the supplemental standard provisions of 40 CFR 192 will be summarized in Section 6 of the document, "Radon Attenuation and Site Cleanup," and the actual Department of Energy/NRC authorized RAP Modifications appended. The UMTRA Project Technical Approach Document and NRC's Standard Format and Content for Documentation of Remedial Action Selection at Title I Uranium Mill Tailings sites both support this approach.

It you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Damler of my staff at (505) 845-5654.

Sincerely.

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