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Mark L. Matthews, Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Matthews:

The NRC has completed a review of the Radiological and Engineering Assessment (REA) for the vicinity property numbered GJ-90097-CC, which includes GJ-43524-CC, located in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Based upon our review, we conclude that the criteria of 40 CFR 192.21(c) have been met for the application of supplemental standards. We agree that taking no remedial action is reasonable under the circumstances, and the requirements of 40 CFR 192.22(a) are also satisfied. We therefore concur with the application of supplemental standards as proposed in the REA for vicinity property GJ-90097-CC and GJ-43524-CC.

The NRC remains concerned with post-UMTRAP disposal of contaminated mill tailings which remain in place as a result of the application of supplemental standards. We understand an agreement between Governor Romer and Bruce Twinning will address this subject by the end of 1990.

Should you have any questions, please contact Paul Michaud of my staff at FTS 776-2805.

Sincerely,

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