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Dear Mr. Matthews:

In response to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) suggestion in a May 14, 1990, letter from R. Hall to you following the final inspection at the Tuba City site, you proposed a set of guidelines for the conduct of NRC/DOE independent but concurrent close-out inspections (DOE letter to R. Hall, dated June 6, 1990). The NRC staff reviewed the proposed guidelines and provided comments in my August 23, 1990, letter to you. You responded by transmitting a copy of the existing close-out inspections section of the Albuquerque Operations Manual in a September 26, 1990, letter to me.

The existing close-out inspection procedures in the Operations Manual would resolve our comment on clarification of terminology. The Operations Manual, however, does not include procedures, as proposed in your June 6 letter, that address aspects of concurrent independent close-out inspections. The Operations Manual only mentions that NRC will be notified of the scheduling of close-out inspections (Article 5.6). In order to address concurrent independent close-out inspections, procedures such as were included in the June 6, 1990, letter should be modified and incorporated into the existing procedures. One way to accomplish this would be to provide an addendum to the existing procedures; a suggested addendum is enclosed.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me or Dan Gillen of my staff (FTS 492-0517).

Sincerely,
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SUBJECT ABSTRACT: PROCEDURES FOR NRC/DOE CONCURRENT INDEPENDENT CLOSE-OUT INSPECTIONS (UMTRA PROJECT)

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Proposed Addendum to
Section 9.2.10, Albuquerque Operations Manual
Remedial Action Close-out Inspection

NRC Concurrent but Independent Close-out Inspections

Should the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) elect to conduct a concurrent/independent inspection following notification as prescribed in Article 5.6 of this section, additional procedures are as follows:

1. At the pre-inspection conference, a copy of the close-out inspection checklist will be provided to the NRC inspection team.
2. NRC will be free to perform an independent inspection. RAC personnel will be available to accompany the NRC inspection team, upon request, to facilitate the inspection.
3. Prior to departing the site, the DOE inspection team and RAC personnel will meet with the NRC inspection team to discuss the results of the independent inspections and plans for resolution of any concerns identified.
4. Following the close-out inspection, DOE and NRC will prepare separate inspection reports. Both reports will be included in the site completion report.

ENCLOSURE