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Re: Post-UMTRA Plan

Dear Mr. Whitfield:

Thank you for your April 5 letter committing the Department of Energy's resources to develop a post-UMTRA management plan. Since the taxpayers in the City of Grand Junction have the most at risk if a post-UMTRA management plan is not developed and implemented, we appreciate the opportunity to provide our perspective on the problem.

We are happy to hear that a recommendation to DOE Headquarters is expected in July of this year. We were concerned with the process of the recent post-UMTRA value engineering session which was held on March 22-25. This session was touted as an effort among the affected cities, Mesa County, Colorado Department of Health, and Department of Energy to identify the problem, examine alternative solutions and make a recommendation for a post-UMTRA Management plan. The City of Grand Junction committed significant resources by providing our Public Works and Utilities Director for the entire 3 day session and our City Attorney for a portion. The first day of the value engineering session consisted of defining the problem and brainstorming all possible solutions. This part of the session was attended by all agencies. The next day and a half was spent evaluating the possible solutions and developing a recommendation. This part of the session was attended by all agencies with the exception of the DOE. DOE personnel only heard a summary of the recommendations which were made by the remaining participants. Since DOE's input is critical this was disturbing to say the least.

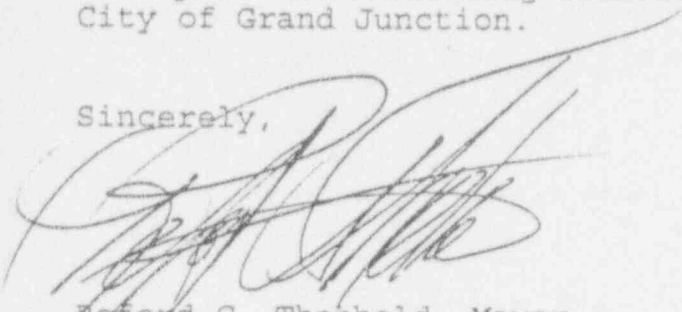
The recommendation from this group appears to be a reasonable solution to the post-UMTRA problem. We hope that DOE will support this recommendation.

However, we understand that a separate group of DOE personnel without the stakeholders will duplicate the value engineering session and will be recommending a post-UMTRA plan to DOE Headquarters by July. I would have thought that full participation of the value engineering session by DOE would have saved this step and would have indeed made the process a "truly cooperative partnership" as you state in your letter.

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The City of Grand Junction looks forward to the development and implementation of a post-UMTRA plan. The absence of such a plan will place a devastating financial hardship on the taxpayers of the City of Grand Junction.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Reford C. Theobald', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Reford C. Theobald, Mayor
City of Grand Junction

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