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Dear Mr. Matthews:

By letter dated December 7, 1990, you requested the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) approval to abandon and seal certain wells located at Cheney, the site planned for the disposal of the Grand Junction residual radioactive materials.

The NRC staff has recently completed its review of the preliminary final Remedial Action Plan (RAP), and documented its conclusions in the draft Technical Evaluation Report (TER). Based on the results of our preliminary final RAP review, there are no current issues that would preclude DOE from abandoning and sealing the wells described in your letter. At this point in the review/concurrence process, however, the potential exists for DOE to make revisions to the planned remedial action. With this in mind, DOE may take whatever action it feels is appropriate with regard to the wells.

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

Sincerely,

(SIGNED) PAUL H. LOHAUS

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cc: T. Brazley, DOE Hq.
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