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Ramon Hall
Director
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Uranium Recovery Field Office
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730 Simms Street, Suite 100
Golden, Colorado 80401

Dear Mr. Hall:

This letter is to inform your office that ARCO has awarded the first phase of the Bluewater Uranium Mill reclamation earthwork to Twin Mountain Construction Company. Excavation of the main tailings impoundment slopes and surface shaping to conform to ARCO's approved reclamation plan is scheduled to begin January 7, 1991. Removal of the evaporation ponds to the main tailings impoundment and cleanup of windblown contamination will follow. This work is expected to be completed by March 1992.

Documentation of project progress and compliance with Reclamation Plan specifications will be conducted by Twin Mountain Construction Company, a third partly soils lab (Professional Services Industries) and ARCO.

Should you have any questions regarding the schedule or other reclamation activities at the Bluewater Mill please contact me or Christopher Sanchez of my staff.

Sincerely,

R. S. Ziegler
Project Manager

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