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Dear Mr. Matthews:

We have completed a preliminary review of the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) and supporting documents for the Mexican Hat/Monument Valley (HAT/MON) UMTRA project which you transmitted with a letter dated January 20, 1989. Based on this review, we have concluded that the information you provided is not in a form suitable to enable us to complete our review.

The decision to relocate the MON tailings to HAT was not made until after you had issued the RAP for HAT in July 1988. This decision represented a major change in the proposed remedial action, since the July 1988 RAP for HAT addressed only the stabilization of the tailings at the HAT site. In order to address this change you provided Modification No. 1 to the RAP (RAP Mod. 1) in your January 20, 1989, submittal. This modification provided additional information and discussed changes that have to be made to the RAP; however, it did not provide a design package for the combined site. Some sections of the RAP require renumbering or replacement, and pencil changes must be made to the text in the RAP. We also noted that some of the figures in the supporting documents provided with your January 20, 1989, letter are incorrect in that they do not reflect the final design. This is apparently due to having a set of drawings and specifications for HAT and a separate set for MON.

In order that we may complete our review of this RAP, we request that you revise your January 20, 1989, submittal to reflect a single up-to-date RAP containing all of the changes in RAP Mod. 1, and accurately describe the remediation plans for the combined site. Any drawings and specifications that are no longer valid should be deleted.

As your funding and construction for the HAT/MON project has been delayed until 1992, this request should not adversely affect your schedule. It should provide you an opportunity to provide a RAP that is free of ambiguity and

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uncertainty such that our review can be accurately completed. The requested information should be provided in time for NRC to review and concur prior to your planned start of work on the project in 1992.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Project Manager, Ray Gonzales, at FTS 776-2C05.

Sincerely,

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