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Mr. Albert J. Hazle, Director
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Division
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Department of Public Health
4210 East 11th Avenue
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Dear Mr. Hazle:

In reference to your letter of September 20, 1982 requesting assistance in regard to an application for a low-level radioactive waste disposal site in Colorado, the NRC's Low-Level Waste Licensing Branch (LLWLB) is prepared to provide assistance to the State of Colorado through preparation of an Environmental Assessment (private or state-owned land) or through participation in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (federal land) for a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility. At an appropriate time, we believe that the involved parties (CDH, NRC, and BLM) should meet to discuss their roles and responsibilities with respect to this project and develop a Memorandum of Understanding which would formalize these roles and responsibilities.

We believe it would be more efficient to establish direct communication between LLWLB and the State following development of the MOU. The Office of State Programs and Region IV will be kept fully informed of all activities and arrangements by the LLWLB.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
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