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Mr. Edward P. Hawkins
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Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

The Department's letter of December 19, 1979, notified the Environmental Protection Agency that in accordance with the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-604) Secretary Duncan on November 8, 1979, designated the inactive uranium mill tailings site in Grand Junction, Colorado, as a processing site and established the priority for performing remedial action there as high.

Under the provisions of Section 102(e)(2) of the Act, we are now preparing to include for remedial action properties in the vicinity of the Grand Junction site which we have determined are contaminated with residual radioactive material derived from the site. Information on 14 of these properties is enclosed for your review and comment.

We are continuing with the identification and radiological evaluation of additional properties outside the designated boundaries of the Grand Junction site in Grand Junction, Colorado, and will be in communication with you about the inclusion of those properties as soon as the information becomes available.

Sincerely.

John E. Baublitz, Director

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Enclosures