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Mr. Ed Hawkins Acting Chief, Low Level Waste Licensing Branch, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Mail Station 623 Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

Under separate cover, Ford, Bacon and Davis (FBD) will be forwarding you the draft environmental assessment (EA) for the Department of Energy's (DOE) proposed remedial action at the Tuba City inactive uranium mill tailings site. FED is the principal subcontractor assisting Sandia National Laboratories (SNLA) in the preparation of the EA for the Department.

Please review the draft EA and provide any comments that you may wish to make to this office by March 24, 1983. Duplicate sets of your comments should also be provided to:

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and

Ms. Ellen Caywood Project Manager Ford, Bacon and Davis 375 Chipeta Way Sait Lake City, Utah 85108

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact John Themelis of my staff at (505) 844-3941 or FTS 844-3941.

Sincerely.

James A. Morley, Project Manager Uranium Mill Tailings Project Office