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Mr. Roger P. Whitfield Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Restoration U.S. Department of Energy Washington, DC 20585

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Sincerely Original signed by Robert M. Bernero Robert M. Bernero, Director Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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Ms. Jill Lytle Deputy Assistant Secretary for Waste Management U.S. Department of Energy Washington, DC 20585

Dear Ms. Lytle:

At the interagency meeting, held between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Energy on October 7, 1993, a commitment was made by NRC to describe, in writing to DOE, a summary of the NRC staff's position on the use of the RESRAD dose assessment code. As stated in the meeting, the NRC has approved the use of the RESRAD code by various decommissioning licensees and has used the code for the evaluation of radiological dose at a number of decommissioning sites. In addition, the NRC has recognized the code in the draft technical position on *Site Characterization for Decommissioning Sites*. The code was also used by NRC to evaluate various waste disposal requests by licensees.

NRC continues to hold RESRAD Workshops jointly with DOE in an effort to train NRC employees in the use of the RESRAD code. In addition, NRC's Office of State Programs sponsors Agreement State personnel who wish to attend RESRAD workshops. I would also like to acknowledge the fact that, in response to a request from my office to add specific radionuclides to the RESRAD code, DOE has added a partial list of the requested radionuclides. The remainder of the radionuclides requested are being added to a special version of the code currently under development.

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