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COMMITTEES. BUDGET FOREIGN RELATIONS JUDICIARY

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0604

April 6, 1994

Mr. Dennis K Rathburn Director Office of Congressional Affairs Nuclear Regulatory Commission 20555,

Dear Mr. Rathburn:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondence our office has received from the Honorable Reford C. Theobold. This letter is in regard to the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) program.

Your review of this material and any suggestions for replying to this letter would be helpful. If there are any questions, please contact David Young of my staff at 202 224-5941. A reply to David's attention would be appreciated.

Many thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely

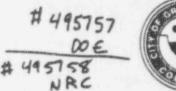
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David E. Young, Legislative Correspondent Senator Hank Brown's Office 716 Hart Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear David:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us regarding the Department of Energy's Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) program

As we explained at the meeting, it is estimated that the when the current UMTRA program ends there will be about 1.5 million cubic yards of uranium mill tailings that will remain at various locations in the State. Approximately 800,000 cubic yards of this material is located within the street rights of way and around utility lines in the City of Grand Junction.

The City of Grand Junction has urged the Department of Energy for many years to develop a plan to deal with these mill tailings when they are encountered through normal City maintenance and construction activity. Our trip to Washington was aimed at informing our Congressional Delegation, the Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of the need to implement a plan to handle the uranium mill tailings planned to be left behind and the huge financial liability that could be transferred to the taxpayers of the City of Grand Junction if a plan is not implemented.

We look forward to working with Senator Brown to help us solve this important problem.

Sincerely Theobold, Mayor

City of Grand Junction

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