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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION CONCURRENCE IN THE REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, URANIUM MILL TAILINGS SITE

Dear Mr. Cormier:

On July 18, 1994, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission notified the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project Office of the completion of the NRC staff's review of the final Remedial Action Plan (RAP) and all associated documents pertinent to the proposed remedial action at the inactive uranium mill tailings site at Grand Junction, Colorado (letter from Holonich to Chernoff). The staff's review was documented in the Final Technical Evaluation Report for the Grand Junction site, transmitted via the July 1994 letter.

I have signed the original signature pages (two copies enclosed) signifying the NRC's concurrence in the Grand Junction RAP. These pages were transmitted for NRC's signature and incorporation into the RAP by your letter of November 11, 1994. NRC's concurrence signifies that DOE's proposed remedial action complies with the 40 CFR Part 192, Subparts A-C, standards of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, with the exception of selection and performance of a groundwater cleanup program. DOE has proposed deferral of this aspect of the remedial action at this time and plans to handle this action in the separate groundwater program. NRC considers the deferral to be acceptable; therefore, NRC's concurrence in the RAP does not include groundwater remediation.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Charlotte Abrams of my staff at (301) 415-5808.

Sincerely,

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