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Dear Mr. Morley:

In past discussions our respective offices have agreed that NRC concurrence on remedial action plans for vicinity properties could be accomplished generically through the vehicle of the respective processing site EIS or EA. The only exception to this would be vicinity property remedial actions considered to be large and/or complex (unusually significant) and those where the EPA supplemental standards are used. We now detect a flaw in this procedure for generic concurrence. For most of the UMTRA sites the vicinity property remedial actions will commence before the processing site remedial action. This means that the EIS or EA will probably not be finalized before much of the vicinity property work is underway. We believe that our concurrence in the document entitled "Vicinity Property Management and Implementation Manual," currently under development by your office, would be a more viable means of giving generic concurrence on the UMTRAP vicinity property work. Of course the unusually significant and supplemental standards properties would continue to receive individual attention.

Please contact Claude Flory (FTS 427-4648) of my staff concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Leo B. Higginbotham

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