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Mr. Leo Higginbotham Chief, Low Level Waste Licensing Branch (MS-623-SS) Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Leo,

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Enclosed for NRC review and concurrence are four copies of the "Project Licensing Plan for Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project Sites". The plan establishes how UMTRA processing sites will be licensed, identifies the milestones in the licensing process, and provides responsibilities of participating agencies as legislated by the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act (UMTRCA) of 1978.

As referenced in the Project Licensing Plan, another document titled "Project Maintenance and Surveillance Plan" will describe procedures that will be implemented at UMTRA processing sites to verify that the subject sites continue to remain in compliance with the EPA standards for remedial action (40 CFR 192). We currently anticipate that DOE review of the Project Maintenance and Surveillance Plan will be completed by late September 1984, at which time the document will be transmitted to NRC for review and concurrence. If you have questions regarding this transmittal, contact John Arthur of my staff at (505) 844-3941.

Sincerely,

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