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Dear Ms. Lambert:

Enclosed for your information is one copy of Project Interface Document (PID) Number 06-S-47. This PID modifies the disposal cell configuration and location of gullies at the toe ditch. Modification to the disposal cell configuration was required due to the decrease in the amount of contaminated material placed in the cell. With this modification the cell design is now considered to be more conservative since the grade on the topslope was reduced while keeping the rock size the same. Since this PID does not affect the intent of the design it is considered to be a Class II modification. Therefore it does not require approval by the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Should you have any questions, please call me at (505) 845-5668.

Sincerely,

Site Manager

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UMTRA PROJECT PROJECT INTERFACE DOCUMENT (P.D) Vic. Prop. No. PID No. 06-5-47 Site No. Date: February 22, 1996 Site: Rifle, Colorado References: Phone: 415/442-7690 Organization: MKES Answer By: Originator and Location Subcontract: G. Cherrington, San Francisco Subcontract No: Subject: Revise Top Slope of Disposal Cell and Riprap Erosion Protection for Gullies at Toe Ditch Description of Problem and Recommended Solution **Ø** Change O Clarification PROBLEM NO. 1: The total volume of contaminated material deposited in the Estes Gulch disposal cell is approximately 3.8 million cubic yards, which is less than the current cell capacity of 4.1 million cubic yards. Additionally, the disposal cell capacity has increased due to excavating to a greater depth than anticipated to reach bedrock foundation. Because of the reduction in the total volume of contaminated material and the increase in the cell capacity, the disposal cell configuration at Estes Gulch needs to be changed. PROBLEM NO. 2: The three gullies immediately to the south of the permanent toe ditch were filled in during the construction of the temporary retention basin. The current design requires placement of Type B riprap protection in these three gullies. As excavation of the filled-in area to the original grade is not practicable, a redes gn of the slope protection in this area is necessary. Originator (Continued on the following sheet) RAC Site Manager Z. ☐ Approved as Noted D Approved ☐ Disapproved Disposition RAC Project Control (Dyes Criteria Change? (If Yes, DOE approval required) RAC Engineering/Design Class II RAC Construction Engineer Review for Quality Requirement Signature DOE Site Manager Approval Date Cost/Time Est. Location Location Distribution RAC Const. Engr. M ☐ Attached RAC Site Mgr. DOE Proj. Engr. ☐ Not Required

SOLUTION No. 1:

To adjust the disposal cell configuration for the lesser volume of contaminated material, it is proposed to flatten a portion of the 6.5 percent top slope of the disposal cell, as currently designed, to a 5.5 percent slope. This will reduce disposal cell capacity from 4.1 million cubic yards, as originally designed, to the final required capacity of 3.8 million cubic yards. The as-built bedrock surface profile will be incorporated in the Subcontract Drawings showing the revised configuration of the disposal cell.

SOLUTION NO. 2:

Since the three gullies abutting the permanent toe ditch have been filled in for a distance of about 600 ft to the south during construction of the temporary retention basin, it is proposed that gully erosion protection be provided at this new gully location rather than at the original location shown in Subcontract Drawing No. RFL-DS-10-0722 (Rev.2). The proposed method of gully erosion protection is as follows:

- (i) The surface of the filled-in gully area will be regraded to an approximate 4 percent slope to promote sheet flow. The regraded area will be seeded as required by Specification Section 02935.
- (11) Provide a transition slope of 12.5 percent between the regraded surface and the existing ground surface, including the three gullies, which will facilitate sheet flow. This slope will also be extended into the three gullies. A 24-inch thick, Type B riprap layer will be placed over this slope for erosion protection.
- (1/1) Type C riprap will be placed to a minimum thickness of 30 inches at the downstream end of Type B riprap in the three qullies.

The proposed redesign for Sclution NO. 2 will be an enhancement of the current design due to:

- The gully erosion protection area abutting the permanent toe ditch has been nove approximately 600 ft. to the south. Any gully at this location would have to erode further (than the current design) to impact the disposal cell.
- The increased thickness of Type B riprap layer (from 12-inch in the current design to the proposed 24-inch design thickness) and the placement of additional Type C riprap at the downstream end of the Type B riprap layer will provide for additional energy dissipation and velocity reduction and thus further reduce erosion potential during runoff events.

The following Subcontract Drawings will be revised in accordance with the attached markups to implement the design changes as proposed above for Solutions No. 1 and No. 2.

RFL-DS-10-0715 (Rev. 2) - Site Plan - Tailings Embankment

RFL-DS-10-0722 (Rev. 2) - Final Site Grading and Drainage Plan

RFL-DS-10-0723 (Rev. 3) - Tailings Embankment Sections

RFL-DS-10-0733 (Rev. 1) - Gully Erosion Protection







