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Dear Mr. Holonich:

The Department of Energy (DOE) hereby certifies that the surface remedial action for the Rifle, Colorado, Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project is complete. The enclosed Certification Summary is provided to document the DOE's certification, and Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) concurrence, that remedial action is complete and meets all design criteria and technical specifications as outlined in the surface Remedial Action Plan. Please sign all three original copies and return two copies to the DOE.

In support of the Certification Summary, a Completion Report and Final Audit Report were developed and submitted to the NRC in an earlier transmittal. The Completion Report includes information to document that remedial action meets all design criteria and technical specifications. This document includes, at a minimum, technical specifications, as-built drawings, summaries of field-test reports, verification measurements, design changes, and a description of pre- and post-remedial action conditions and construction activities. The Final Audit Report provides a summary of all Quality Assurance Audits, Radiological Surveillances, and In-Process Surveillances performed during remedial action. In addition, this report provides an independent assessment of the remedial action for compliance with plans, specifications and standards.

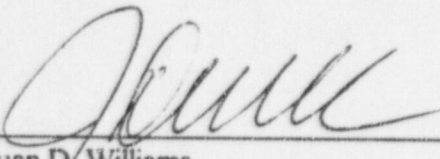
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**CERTIFICATION SUMMARY
URANIUM MILL TAILINGS REMEDIAL ACTION PROJECT
RIFLE, COLORADO**

The U. S. Department of Energy certifies that the remedial action performed in Rifle, Colorado, for the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project is complete and meets all design criteria and technical specifications outlined in the surface Remedial Action Plan, as required under Public Law 95-604. The undersigned request that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission concur in this certification.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

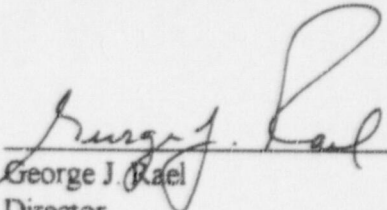


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The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission hereby concurs with the U.S. Department of Energy's completion of surface remedial action for the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project located in Rifle, Colorado.

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Date