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William D. Travers
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Dear Mr. Travers:

This is in response to your correspondence of April 28, 1999, asking whether the state of Utah is interested in becoming the Trustee to administer the reclamation trust and implement the reclamation of the Atlas Uranium Mill Tailings site near Moab, Utah. The state of Utah has carefully considered your request to become the Trustee and has decided to decline the request. However, the state of Utah is anxious to commence discussions with the NRC on an appropriate Trustee, in accordance with the recently signed Atlas bankruptcy agreement.

If you have further questions, do not hesitate to contact me or Bill Sinclair of my staff.

Best regards,

Dianne R. Nielson, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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