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**SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FORMER URANIUM PROCESSING SITES AT NEW RIFLE,
 GUNNISON, AND DURANGO COLORADO**

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The revised deeds were provided to the NRC by letter dated October 29, 1999. The NRC staff has determined that the requested revisions have been made and that the wording in the deed reflects the UMTRCA requirements. Therefore, NRC is providing its concurrence for the transfer of the New Rifle, Gunnison, and Durango former processing sites to the City of Rifle, County of Gunnison, and City of Durango, respectively.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact the NRC Project Manager, Elaine Brummett, at (301) 415-6606.

Sincerely,

[Original signed by]

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