

December 7, 1999

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SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOVEMBER 15, 1999, REQUEST FOR
LICENSING ACTION

Dear Mr. Goranson:

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The staff will proceed with the detailed review of your renewal application and provide requests for additional information, if any, in writing within 90 days from the date of this letter.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact John H. Lusher, the NRC Project Manager for the Smith Ranch facility, at (301) 415-7694.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By
Thomas H. Essig, Chief
Uranium Recovery and
Low Level Waste Branch
Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Docket No. 40-8964
License No. SUA-1548
cc: B. Ferdinand, RAMC
G. Cash, WDEQ

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