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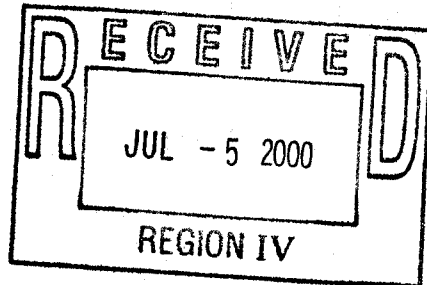
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Dear Mr. Merschoff:

The purpose of this correspondence is to thank you for accompanying Commissioner Merrifield and finding time during your Utah visit to meet with representatives of the Department of Environmental Quality on June 27, 2000. Dianne, Craig, Dane, and I enjoyed the interaction. As I stated in the meeting, we believe that we have established a good working relationship with your staff and we face the challenge to ensure that continues well into the future. I believe it is valuable to visit facilities to gain an understanding and appreciation of the regulatory challenges that both the State and the NRC face regarding their responsibilities. Thank you again for taking the time to better understand Utah regulatory issues. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

William J. Sinclair, Director

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