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Herman Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith:

In accordance with U.S. NRC and Washington State regulations, the Department of Health is submitting two separate checks (enclosed) to cover perpetual care and maintenance of the Western Nuclear, Inc. Sherwood Uranium Mill site, radioactive materials license WN-I0133-1. The total of the two checks is \$666,027.61, which was calculated as the amount needed for PC&M by using the Consumer Price Index to update the 1978 cost estimate of \$250,000 to its current amount. We sent this estimate to Art Kleinrath of U.S. DOE's Grand Junction Office on February 6, 2001, for review and concurrence. We were notified yesterday by telephone conference call that our estimated amount is correct. Since the department only had \$603,207.74 in the PC&M account, a separate check in the amount of \$62,819.87 from WNI was required to bring the total to \$666,027.61. Please sign and date the enclosed receipt, and return it to me.

During a separate telephone conference call on March 5, 2001 among U.S. DOE, U.S. NRC, and the Department of Health, it was agreed that upon your receipt of these two checks, the Department of Health will terminate WNI's radioactive materials license, U.S. DOE will assume responsibility for perpetual care and maintenance of the millsite, and U.S. NRC will assume responsibility for regulatory oversight.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (360) 236-3210, or Gary Robertson at (360) 236-3241.

Sincerely,

John L. Erickson, Director
Division of Radiation Protection

Enclosures

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