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TECH SUPPORT PROVIDED BY PAUL LOHAUS, KEVEN HSUEH, AND DENNIS
SOLLENBERGER..WESTERN NUCLEAR
URANIUM MILL CLOSURE AND RECLAMATION PROJECT....

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Richard A. Meserve, Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Meserve:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the personal commitment and outstanding technical support provided by Paul Lohaus, Kevin Hsueh, and Dennis Sollenberger of the Office of State and Tribal Programs, to the Department of Health's Western Nuclear, Inc. Sherwood uranium mill closure and reclamation project. As you know, this is the first conventional uranium mill terminated by an Agreement State under NRC Procedure *Termination of Uranium Mill Licenses in Agreement States, Procedure: SA-900*.

As the first state to follow this new procedure, adjustments were necessary to our Completion Review Report and to the SA-900 procedure. This could have been a very difficult and time-consuming process, without the personal dedication and technical expertise of these individuals. I have been told they were instrumental in making this closure project a success. My staff has expressed how much they enjoyed working with Paul, Kevin, and Dennis, and they look forward to working with them on the reclamation of the Dawn Mining Company uranium millsite.

Sincerely,



Mary C. Selecky
Secretary

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