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Dear Mr. Delligatti,

RE: June 19, 2001, Letter From NRC Regarding Review Of Memorandum Of Agreement Concerning National Historic Preservation Act Planning Processes For The Proposed Private Fuel Storage Facility

The State of Utah has received your letter of June 19, 2001 addressed to Natalie Gochnour, State Historic Preservation Officer for this proposal. Ms Gochnour recently undertook new responsibilities within my Office, and will no longer be serving in the SHPO role, nor that of the Utah State Planning Coordinator. Until the best replacement is found, correspondence related to the historic aspects of this project should be sent to Ms. Lynne Ward, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (same address as Ms. Gochnour).

The State is reviewing the proposed revised Memorandum of Agreement, and fully intends to provide timely comments. However, we will not be able to provide these comments within 10 days of receipt of your letter. It is important that all parties have adequate time to review the proposals. The 10-day response period proposed is too restrictive, and precludes the careful review required by law. The State will not unnecessarily delay its comments either, and will strive to have its review completed as soon as is feasible.

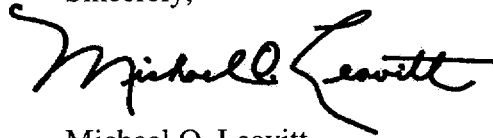
The proposed Memorandum raises serious questions about BLM planning and authority to conduct such planning, the timing and conduct of work contemplated under the Memorandum prior to the required amendments to the BLM's Resource Management

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Plan for the area, and the adequate protection of historic properties. Further, the MOA appears seriously deficient in terms of the established role of the State Historic Preservation Officer in these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael O. Leavitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Leavitt" clearly legible.

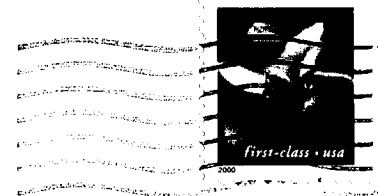
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cc: L. Ward

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