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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF WATER LEVEL MONITORING WITHIN THE DISPOSAL
CELL AT THE SLICK ROCK, COLORADO, UMTRA PROJECT SITE

Dear Mr. Kleinrath:

By letter dated June 29, 2001, you requested U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) concurrence in the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) decision to discontinue water level monitoring in the disposal cell at Slick Rock, Colorado. We have reviewed the information provided and concur in your decision.

The water level monitoring was stipulated in the Long-Term Surveillance Plan and was to continue until a downward trend was observed for three consecutive quarters. We have reviewed the information provided with your letter and the last two Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act, Title I inspection reports and conclude that the water levels in the cell have been steadily declining since completion of the disposal cell in 1998. Based on our review, NRC concurs in your decision to terminate water level monitoring in the cell and to decommission the two monitoring locations, standpipes MW-3 and MW-4.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Myron Fliegel, the Project Manager for the Slick Rock site, at (301) 415-6629 or by e-mail to mhf1@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

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