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Subject: Review of Moab Environmental Impact Statement Information – Cooperating Agencies

Dear Mr. Fliegel:

As we discussed with you via telephone conference during the week of August 4, 2003, the Department of Energy (DOE) has decided to revise the process for review of material by Cooperating Agencies associated with the *Remediation of the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings, Grand County, Utah, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)*. DOE will implement the following process for review and comment by the Cooperating Agencies:

- DOE will forward individual chapters of the EIS for review as they are prepared, and DOE has determined that they are of such quality suitable for release. Chapters 1 and 3 are enclosed with this transmittal. It would be best if the Cooperating Agencies held their comments on the chapters until after review of the entire EIS document.
- In the early October 2003 timeframe, DOE will forward the entire Preliminary Draft EIS to the Cooperating Agencies for review and comment. DOE requests that comments on the Preliminary Draft EIS be received by DOE within 45 days of receipt of the documents by the Cooperating Agencies. DOE also requests that Cooperating Agency comments be transmitted electronically. DOE will provide the forms and instructions for filling them out in a separate letter.
- Approximately 30 days into the 45-day review period, DOE will hold a meeting in Moab with the Cooperating Agencies in order to facilitate agency to agency interaction on the comments. The target timeframe for this meeting is mid-November 2003.

DOE hopes that the process outlined above for Cooperating Agency review of the Moab Preliminary Draft EIS is acceptable. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (970)248-6020.

Sincerely,

Joel Berwick
Project Manager

Enclosures

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