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SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR THE RECEIPT OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S RESPONSE TO THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE 2017 DRAFT GROUNDWATER COMPLIANCE ACTION PLAN: THE RIFLE, COLORADO, NEW PROCESSING SITE

Dear Ms. Jasso:

By letter dated January 19, 2017 (Agencywide Document Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession No. ML171023A222), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff for review and concurrence a Draft Groundwater Compliance Action Plan (GCAP) for the New Rifle, Colorado, Processing Site. The NRC staff reviewed DOE's GCAP and, on July 21, 2017, informed DOE that additional information was needed to complete staff's review (ML17159A552). By letter dated September 26, 2019, DOE provided responses to NRC's request for additional information (ML19273A429).

The purpose of this letter is two-fold. First, this letter is used to formally acknowledge receipt of DOE's responses. Second, in keeping with NRC's recent practice to improve transparency with licensees, this letter provides a tentative schedule for the next milestone. Based on the format of DOE's responses (addressing each RAI individually without enclosing a revised GCAP), the next milestone is anticipated to be NRC's review of DOE's response. Our schedule is to complete the review of the RAI's by February 7, 2020. If the responses adequately addressed the staff's RAI, then a letter will be sent to DOE requesting a revised GCAP. If the RAI response is determined to be inadequate, then a letter will be sent to DOE documenting any inadequacy.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 301-415-0697 or john.saxton@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



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