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Mr. John J. Surmeier, Chief
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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Re: Request for Comments Regarding Cultural and Historical Resources for the Proposed
Reclamation Plan for International Uranium Corporation's (IUC) White Mesa Uranium
Mill Site in Blanding, Utah

Mr. Surmeier:

I have reviewed the section pertaining to Cultural and Historical Resources that will be included in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Reclamation Plan for International Uranium Corporation's (IUC) White Mesa Uranium Mill (Mill) Site in Blanding, Utah. I believe that the previous NRC EA completed on February 27, 1997 and the License Condition 9.7 from SUA-1358 contain language satisfactory to protect the Cultural and Historical Resources associated with Mill related activities including reclamation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Cultural and Historical Resources segment of the Reclamation Plan EA. Once the NRC approves the Reclamation Plan, I would appreciate receiving a copy. If you have questions, you can reach me at (970) 564-5432.

Sincerely,

Cindy Crist, Director
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Cc: Mary Jane Yazzie, White Mesa Board Chair

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