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Dear Mr. Moffitt:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff recently received the final letter report entitled "Comments on the Department of Energy Report 'Neutron Moisture Monitoring (NMM) and Moisture Contents in the Green River, Utah, UMTRA Disposal Cell'," which completed the scope of work for the technical assistance contract FIN L-1411. I would like to convey my appreciation for the excellent work performed for this scope of work, and Pacific Northwest Laboratory's effective management in completing the contract on schedule.

Mr. Paul Thorne and Mr. Michael Fayer provided a high-quality, technically-detailed product in a timely and responsive manner. The quality of this report reflects the obvious thoroughness and detail that Mr. Thorne and Mr. Fayer put into their review and comment of the Department of Energy document. I was particularly pleased with the extra effort that was put forth in outlining specific technical recommendations that DOE could implement to improve their present monitoring program at the Green River site. These recommendations will no doubt generate future discussions between the NRC staff and the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Project Office, which will ultimately result in a more effective use of Neutron Moisture Measurements at all UMTRA sites.

I am very pleased with PNL's performance for this scope of work, and hope this high level of excellence will continue in future NRC contracts.

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