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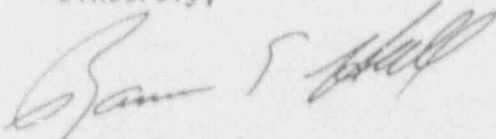
Dear Mr. Virgona:

The NRC has completed a review of the revised Radiological and Engineering Assessment (REA) for Vicinity Property No. GJ-97015-OT, as submitted in your letter dated January 4, 1993. Our review indicated that comments previously made by the NRC, Colorado Department of Health, and the City of Grand Junction have been addressed. The partial remediation alternative as described in the REA appears to present the most beneficial and economic approach to addressing the contaminated material on this property.

The location of the contaminated material, the radiation levels which will remain after partial remediation is performed, and the fact that the land use is not likely to change beyond the scope included in the REA, indicate the material does not present a clear present or future public health hazard. The cost to completely remove this material is unreasonably high when compared to the long-term benefits which would be achieved. The criteria of 40 CFR 192.22(c) for application of supplemental standards are therefore satisfied. Performing partial remediation as described in the REA, allowing residual radioactive material to remain in place is reasonable under the circumstances, and the requirements of 40 CFR 192.22(a) are also satisfied.

We therefore concur with the application of supplemental standards as described in the REA for Vicinity Property No. GJ-97015-OT. Should you have any questions, please contact Paul Michaud at (303) 231-5809.

Sincerely,


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