



Department of Energy
Albuquerque Operations Office
P.O. Box 5400
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87185-5400

OCT 31 1993

Joseph J. Holonich, Chief
Uranium Recovery Branch
Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards
Mail Stop T7J9
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-2738

Dear Mr. Holonich:

Enclosed for your information are four copies of the Department of Energy's (DOE) responses to Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) comments on the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Naturita, Colorado, Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action site, transmitted to the Project office on 6 October 1993. We recently discovered the responses to these particular comments had not been transmitted to CDPHE and had languished in the files during the controversy surrounding the siting of the disposal cell. As you may notice, several of the comments refer to a Dry Flats disposal, and this fact is noted in our responses. It is the opinion of this office that this submittal completes Project office responses to all remaining comments on the Naturita RAP.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding these responses, please feel free to contact me at (505) 845-5637.

Sincerely,

L.A. Woodworth
Naturita Site Manager
Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial
Action Team
Environmental Restoration Division

cc w/o enclosure:

D. Gillen, NRC
C. Abrams, NRC
P. Oliver, CDPHE/GJ
S. Hamp, UMTRA/ERD
E. Artiglia, TAC
R. Waddington, MK-F

9611070094 961031
PDR WASTE
WM-9 PDR

1/1
NL4
WM-9