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Dear Mr. Themelis:

As we discussed with you in our meeting here on September 27, 1985, we have assigned certain UMTRA Program responsibilities to our Uranium Recovery Field Office (URFO) in Denver, Colorado. Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum to R. Dale Smith, the URFO Director, which details the changes we have made.

Basically, the URFO is now responsible for site-specific casework actions while NMSS remains responsible for general program management and generic matters. Except for the Canonsburg, PA site, the URFO's new site-specific responsibilities include the following:

- o Concurrence reviews and decisions on the selection and performance of remedial action.
- o Concurrence reviews and decisions on determinations of completion.
- o Licensing for completed sites.
- o Reviews and decisions on all individual vicinity property actions.
- o All reviews of construction work in progress.

As detailed in the enclosed memorandum, NMSS will remain responsible for reviews and actions for certain sites only through FY-86 in order to provide for a reasonable transition. In that time period, NMSS staff will remain responsible for site-specific actions for these seven sites: Canonsburg, PA; Salt Lake City, UT; Shiprock, NM; Riverton, WY; Mexican Hat, UT; Monument Valley, AZ; and Fall City, TX. Correspondence on these sites should continue to be directed to NMSS in the interim, and we request that courtesy information copies be sent to the URFO. For all other sites, and all vicinity properties, correspondence should be directed to the URFO; courtesy information copies are requested for this office.

The URFO Director is Mr. R. Dale Smith who can be reached on FTS at 776-2805. The mailing address for the URFO is:

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We expect the transfer of review responsibility to a staff closer to both your offices and the UMTRAP sites will help to accomplish the objectives of this program, and we ask for your cooperation in assuring a smooth transition. In the interim, please feel free to call me, Dale Smith, or my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

~~Original signed by~~

Leo B. Higginbotham

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Enclosure:

October 1, 1985 Memorandum Transferring UMTRAP to URFO

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