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January 12, 2000

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FORMER URANIUM PROCESSING SITE AT OLD RIFLE,
 COLORADO

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the NRC Project Manager, Rick Weller, at (301) 415-7287.

Sincerely,
 [Daniel Gillen for]
 Thomas H. Essig, Chief
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cc: R. Edge, DOE-GJO
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