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Subject: Draft Long-Term Surveillance Plan for the Sherwood, Washington Title II Site

Dear Mr. Essig:

Please find enclosed four copies of the subject document for NRC review. The Washington Department of Health has informed the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that the site licensee, Western Nuclear Inc., has requested the termination of their specific license by mid February 2000. This *Long-Term Surveillance Plan* (LTSP) is intended to satisfy the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 40.28 whereby DOE as the long-term custodian must provide an LTSP to the NRC as a step in the licensing/license termination process. Since the Sherwood site is an Agreement State site, the DOE asks that any requests for background documentation please be handled through Mr. Dennis Sollenberger, the NRC Office of States Programs, which will be subsequently forwarded back to the Washington Department of Health (i.e. reclamation plans, design documents, calculations, completion reports etc.).

It is the DOE's position that this is the appropriate manner to handle technical questions pertaining to reclamation because the DOE is only responsible for post-closure activities. In conclusion, it is also DOE's understanding that the NRC concurrence with Washington Department of Health's termination of Western Nuclear Inc.'s license closes out any and all open issues associated with the site reclamation.

Should you have questions or comments, please contact me at (970) 248-6037. We look forward to working with you in the future on this site transfer as well as other Title II site transfers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russel Edge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large "R" and "E".

Russel Edge
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Enclosures

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