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The Honorable Ed Austin
220 East Bay Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Dear Mayor Austin:

Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary has announced a new approach to openness in the Department of Energy (DOE) and its communications with the public. In support of this initiative, we are pleased to forward the enclosed information related to the former Humphreys Gold Co. in your jurisdiction that performed work for DOE's predecessor agencies. This information is provided for your information, use, and retention.

DOE's Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program is responsible for identification of sites used by DOE's predecessor agencies, determining their current radiological condition and, where it has authority, performing remedial action to cleanup sites to meet current radiological protection requirements. A conservative set of technical evaluation guidelines is used in these investigations to assure protection of public health, safety and the environment. Where DOE does not have authority for proceeding, the available site information is forwarded to the appropriate Federal or State Agency.

DOE studied the historical records of the former Humphreys Gold Co. and it determined that it did not have the authority to perform remedial action at the site.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 301-427-1721 or Dr. W. Alexander Williams (301-427-1719) of my staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. Wagoner II".

James W. Wagoner II
Director
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Office of Environmental Restoration

Enclosures

cc:
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