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Mr. Johnny W. Reising
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RE: Plant 9 Implementation Plan

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) comment responses and change pages for the Thorium/Plant 9 Complex implementation plan.

U.S. DOE has adequately addressed U.S. EPA's previous comments and incorporated them into the change pages. However, U.S. DOE continues to deviate from the standard comment/response format used in other Operable Units (OU). U.S. DOE's OU 3 comment responses do not identify the section, page, and line numbers of the original comment. This slows U.S. EPA's review of the comment responses. All future OU 3 comment response documents should be consistent with the format used in other OUs.

Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the Thorium/Plant 9 Complex responses and implementation plan.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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