



The Deputy Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. RISPOLI
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT

FROM: CLAY SELL
DEPUTY SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: Approval of Mission Need (CD-0) and Selection of Preferred
Alternative (CD-1a) for the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial
Action (UMTRA) Project at Moab, Utah.

Based on the recommendation from the Energy Systems Acquisition Advisory Board during a meeting conducted on August 5, 2005, I approve the Mission Need (Critical Decision-0) for the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Project at Moab, Utah. I also approve the Selection of the Preferred Alternative (Critical Decision-1a) for the off-site disposal of the Moab uranium mill tailings pile at a site near Crescent Junction, Utah, using rail as the predominant transportation mode, and active ground water remediation of the Moab Site. The cost range for this project is \$458M - \$698M and the projected completion date is the fourth quarter of 2014.

As a next step, in support of the full Critical Decision-1, the Office of Environmental Management must develop an Acquisition Strategy in accordance with the DOE Order 413.3 and the accompanying Manual DOE M 413.3-1.

cc: Under Secretary for Energy, Science and Environment

