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**Subject: Smoky Canyon Mine Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Final Site-Specific Ecological Risk Assessment Report**

Dear Mary:

Please find enclosed one unbound hard copy and one accompanying CD of the *Final Site-Specific Ecological Risk Assessment (SSERA) Report* for the Smoky Canyon Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS). The J.R. Simplot Company (Simplot) is submitting this document in accordance with the August 2009 Settlement Agreement/Consent Order. This document addresses Agency comments (dated October 20, 2015) on the Revised Draft SSERA Report (dated September 8, 2015), and incorporates other communication involving Simplot and the Agencies including the November 18, 2015 conference call and final Agency feedback/responses (dated December 1, 2015). Updated responses to comments are provided in Appendix E of this submittal. As stated in your December 1, 2015 letter, the Agencies approve this submittal as Final upon incorporation of the Agency comments.

In addition to the revisions identified by the Agencies, minor editorial revisions to the text and tables have been made. Revisions included correcting a typographical error (decimal place issue) in which two of the surface water EPCs, and corresponding HQs, for selenium in the Hoopes Spring area were previously incorrect in several tables. Conclusions of the risk assessment remain the same.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Monty Johnson
Environmental Engineering Manager

Enclosures

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