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Mr. Loren Avis  
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Dear Mr. Avis:

Enclosed is a copy of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District's Draft Technical Memorandum Subsurface Anomaly, Former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery Range, Arapahoe County, Colorado. This technical memorandum documents the Corps' findings from a site visit conducted on August 31, 1999, at the Former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery Range (Section 34, Township 4 South, Range 64 West), Arapahoe County, Colorado.

A routine unexploded ordnance magnetometer sweep conducted by a Corps contractor identified construction debris buried underground in the northern portion of the site. Other visible above ground (exposed) features identified include: a transformer pole, a 6-inch diameter casing that is oozing petroleum free product, approximately 2-inch diameter casing (or stand pipe), and two side-by-side, 2-inch diameter, horizontal drain pipes. Corps' sampling of the free product in the 6-inch casing confirms kerosene-based fuel.

The site appears to be a former oil well, gas plant, or pumping station. Magnetometer findings and visible aboveground features indicate the presence of an underground storage tank. Public Service Company of Colorado's records indicate the registered owner is (was) the Running Creek Gas Plant of the Gary-Williams Energy Corporation.

The objective of the Corps' site visit was to investigate this anomaly to determine if this area should be considered for future investigation by the Corps under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP). The Corps concluded that the suspected anomaly site does not appear to be a Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) or a candidate site under the DERP.

It is our understanding that your office has regulatory authority over this site. We are therefore referring this site to you for further action.

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If you have any questions or concerns, I can be contacted via phone at 303-692-3416 or e-mail at [jeffrey.swanson@state.co.us](mailto:jeffrey.swanson@state.co.us).

Sincerely,



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