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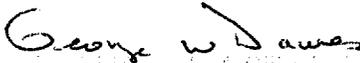
Dear Mr. Person:

This letter is in regard to the question of molybdenum in the facility groundwater. This facility processed molybdenum ore (molybdenum disulfide) to produce molybdenum products (molybdenum trioxide, ferromolybdenum, and ammonium dimolybdate) from the 1920's until 1991. This ore contained no licensable material.

Molycorp produced ferrocolumbium from columbium oxide that contained licensable quantities of thorium from 1963 to 1969. The columbium ore contained no molybdenum.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,


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