

February 2, 2001

Mr. Roy S. Blickwedel  
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King of Prussia, PA 19406

SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF LICENSEE REQUESTS CONCERNING CHURCH ROCK SITE

Dear Mr. Blickwedel:

In order to simplify and clarify the backlog of inactive casework and associated license fees charged to United Nuclear Corporation (UNC) relating to Materials License SUA-1475, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has decided to close several requests, subject to agreement by the licensee, UNC. These requests concern the groundwater corrective action program at the Church Rock site, and were not acted upon by the NRC pending resolution of site groundwater issues. The requests have now been made obsolete or outdated by events, and are expected to be superseded by future UNC submittals reflecting the current understanding of necessary groundwater corrective actions at the site.

Based on the telephone discussions between you and Ken Hooks on January 26, 2001, two requests will be closed. They are listed below by letter subject and date, followed by the NRC Technical Assignment Control (TAC) number.

UNC letter dated November 14, 1997, "License Amendment Request, Condition 35.B.2," TAC L51600; initially answered by NRC letter dated February 11, 1998.

Earthtech letter dated September 20, 1999, "Request to Eliminate Zone 1 Groundwater in Section 1 as a Point of Exposure," TAC 51868.

A copy of each letter is enclosed for reference.

Please contact Ken Hooks, the NRC Project Manager for the Church Rock site, at 301- 415-7777 or by e-mail at [krh1@nrc.gov](mailto:krh1@nrc.gov), if you have any questions concerning this letter.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Dan Gillen for

Philip Ting, Chief  
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Division of Fuel Cycle Safety  
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Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
and Safeguards

Docket No. 40-8907  
License No. SUA-1475

Enclosures: 1. UNC letter 11/14/97  
2. Earthtech letter 9/20/99

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**Cases closed: L51600, L51868**

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