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SUBJECT: REGION I TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST ON NORD ILMENITE AND  
 HERITAGE MINERALS APPLICATIONS

In the attached memorandum from Robert Fonner dated February 20, 1990, OGC has determined that a categorical exclusion from the requirements for an environmental assessment is legally available for the Nord Ilmenite and Heritage Minerals licensing actions. As pointed out in this memorandum the staff may prepare an environmental assessment if it is anticipated that a significant impact on the human environment would result in these licensing actions even though the categorical exclusion is available. Based on information obtained from the applicants and discussions during our meetings on February 7, it appears that use of the categorical exclusion is appropriate.

In lieu of an environmental assessment for these licensing actions, Region I has requested assistance in establishing license conditions and an environmental monitoring program to ensure that the quantities of source material in the construction sand remains below Option 1 of the Branch Technical Position. Since both licensing actions are short term in nature, i.e. less than two year total operational time, we request that assistance to Region I in developing these release criteria be given high priority to Ed Shum. We understand that the IMAF section is currently quite busy with other important assignments, but we would appreciate your immediate attention to this request so that these firms can be licensed shortly.

I will be pleased to meet with you to discuss the availability of Mr. Shum in assisting Region I with their request.

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