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Subject: Request for Information Comments Regarding the Ambrosia Lake Uranium Mill Facility near Grants, New Mexico

Dear Chairman Taylor:

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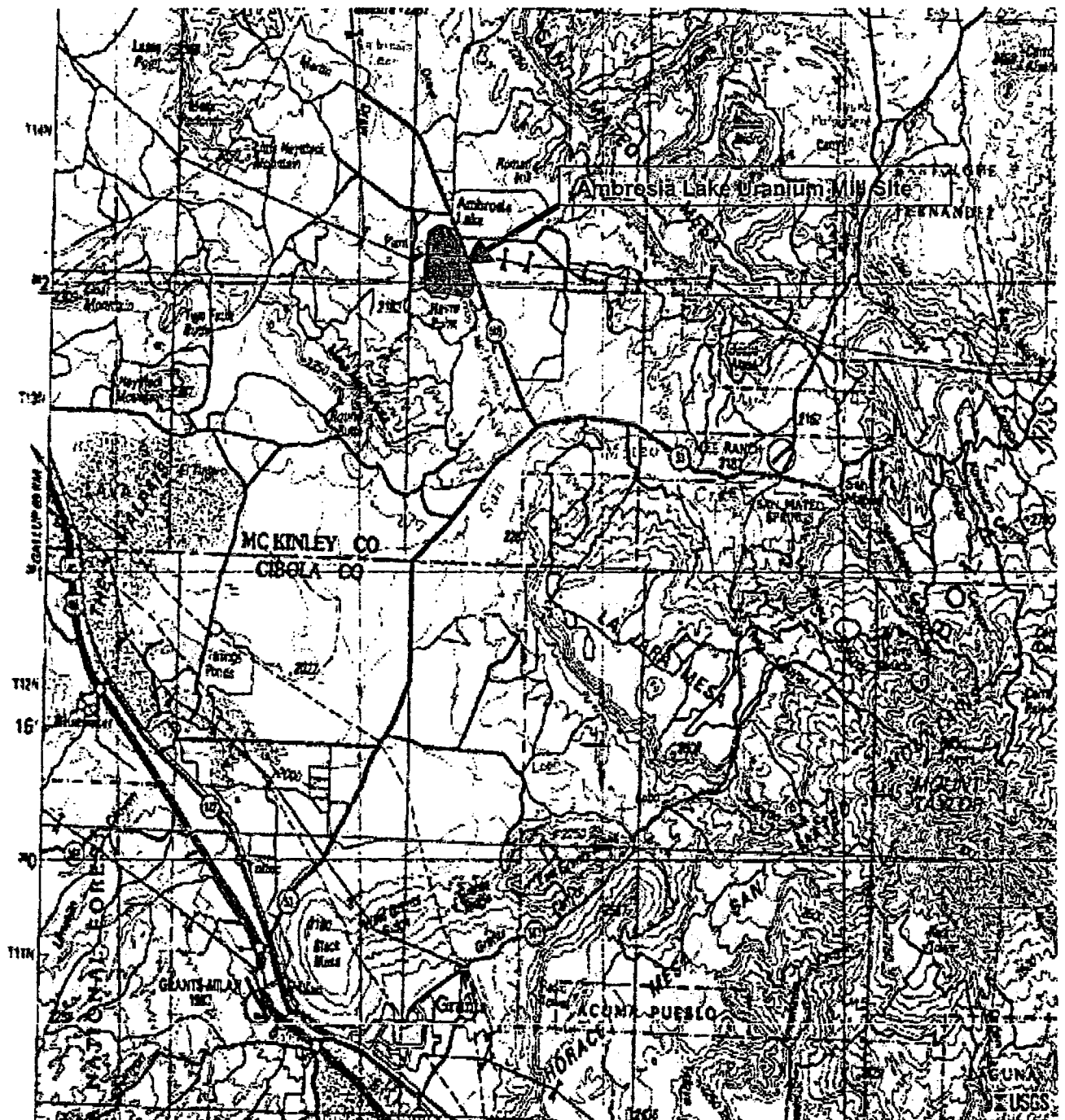
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Enclosures

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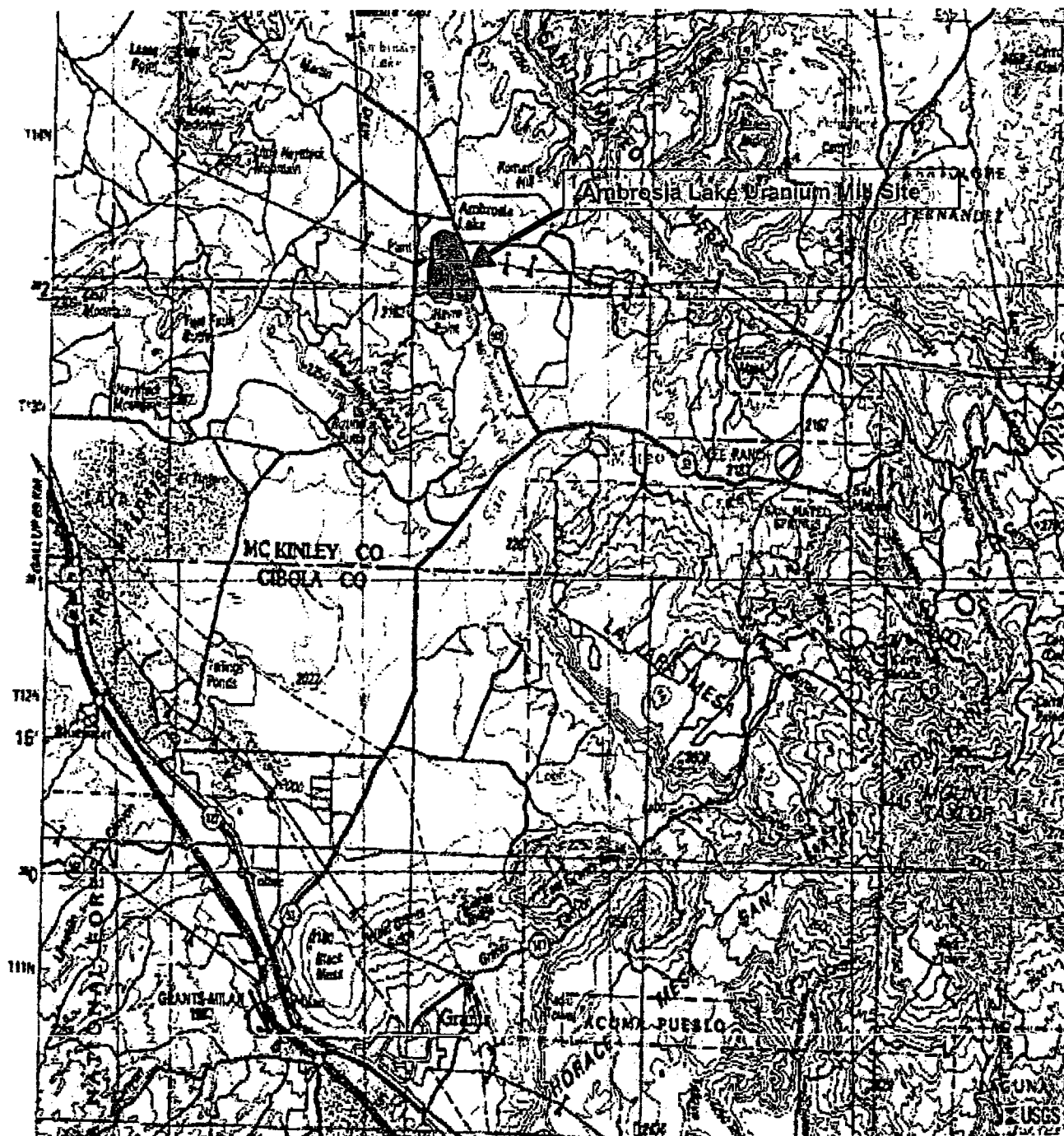
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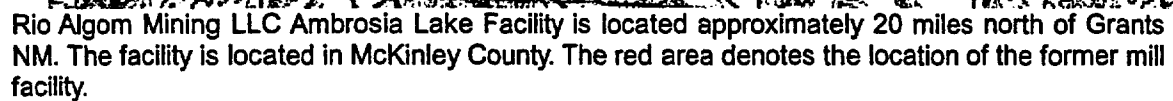
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Governor John Gonzales
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Santa Fe, NM 87501

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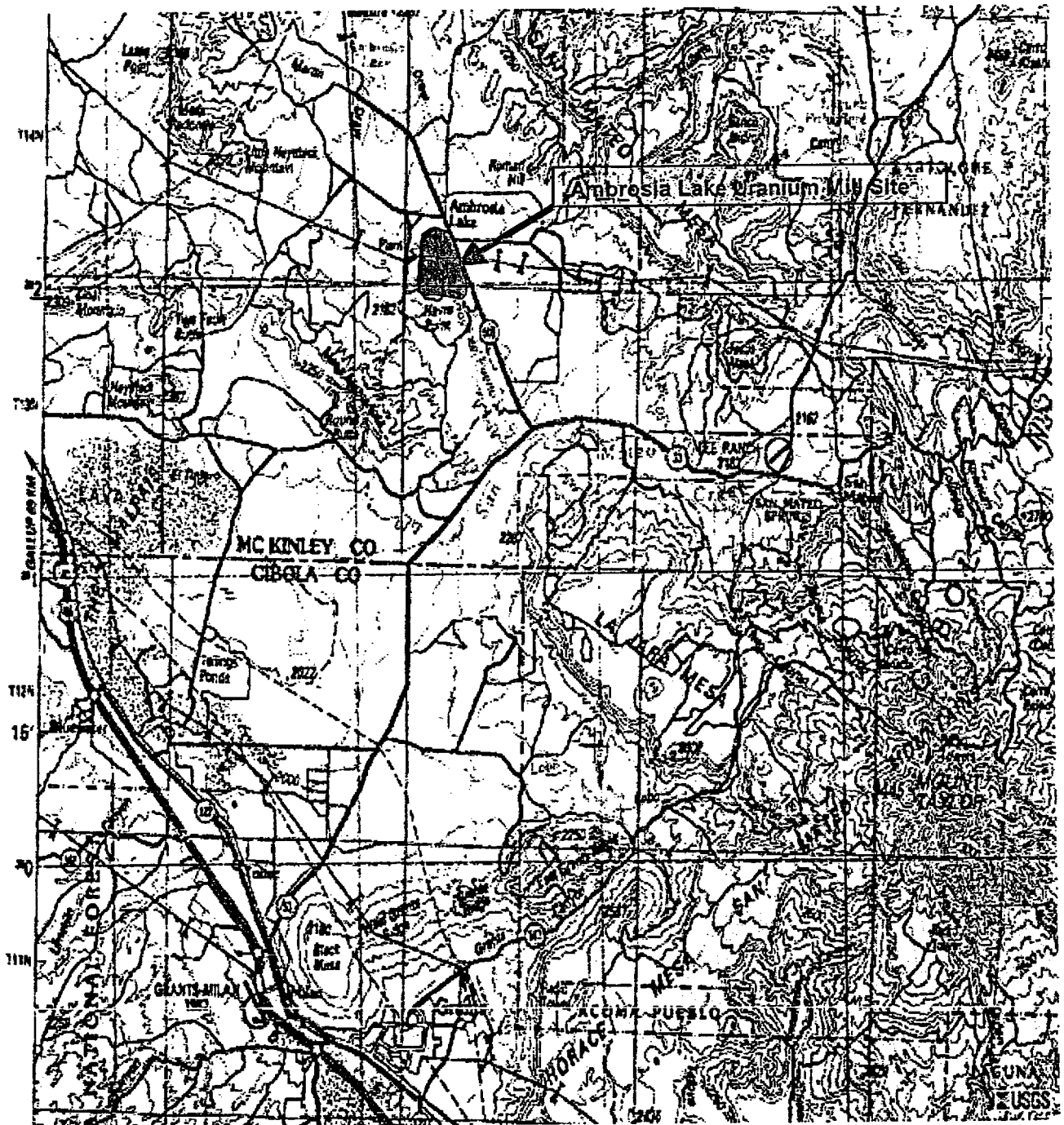
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Governor Alvino Lucero
Pueblo of Isleta
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

Subject: Request for Information Comments Regarding the Ambrosia Lake Uranium Mill Facility near Grants, New Mexico

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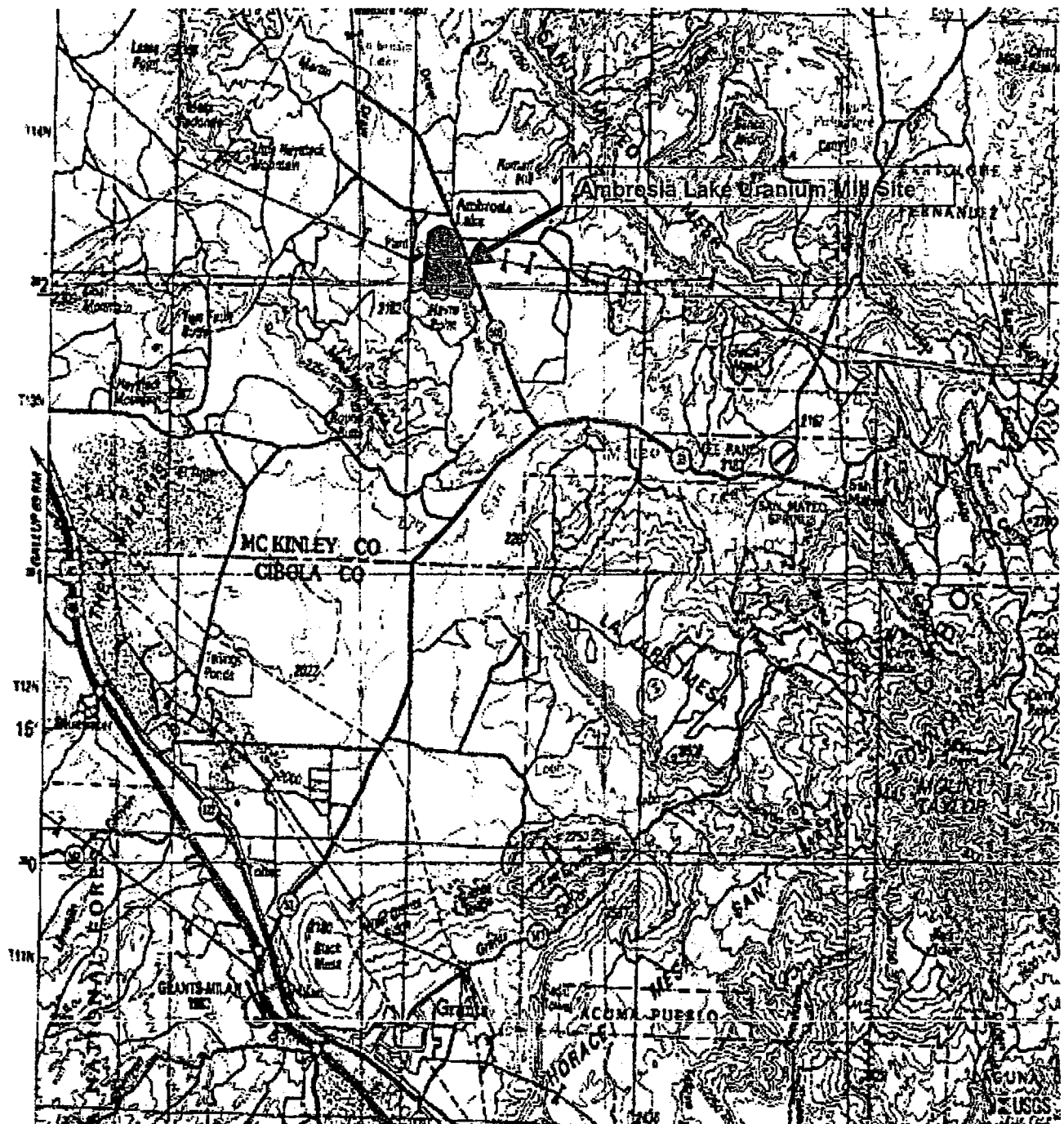
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Governor Arlen P. Quetawki Sr.
Pueblo of Zuni
P.O. Box 339
Zuni, NM 87372

Subject: Request for Information Comments Regarding the Ambrosia Lake Uranium Mill Facility near Grants, New Mexico

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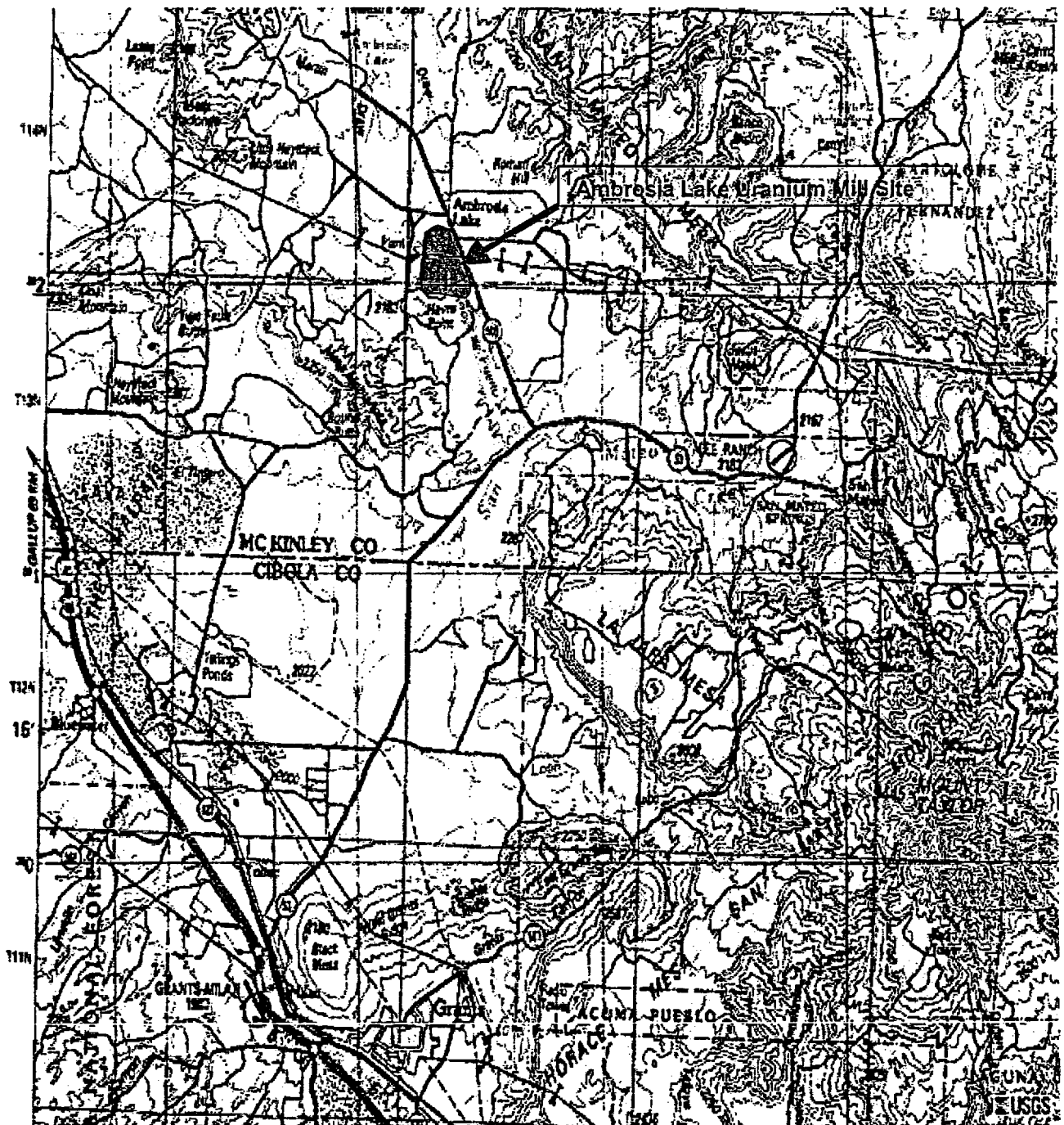
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Governor Roland E. Johnson
Pueblo of Laguna
P.O. Box 194
Laguna Pueblo, NM 87026

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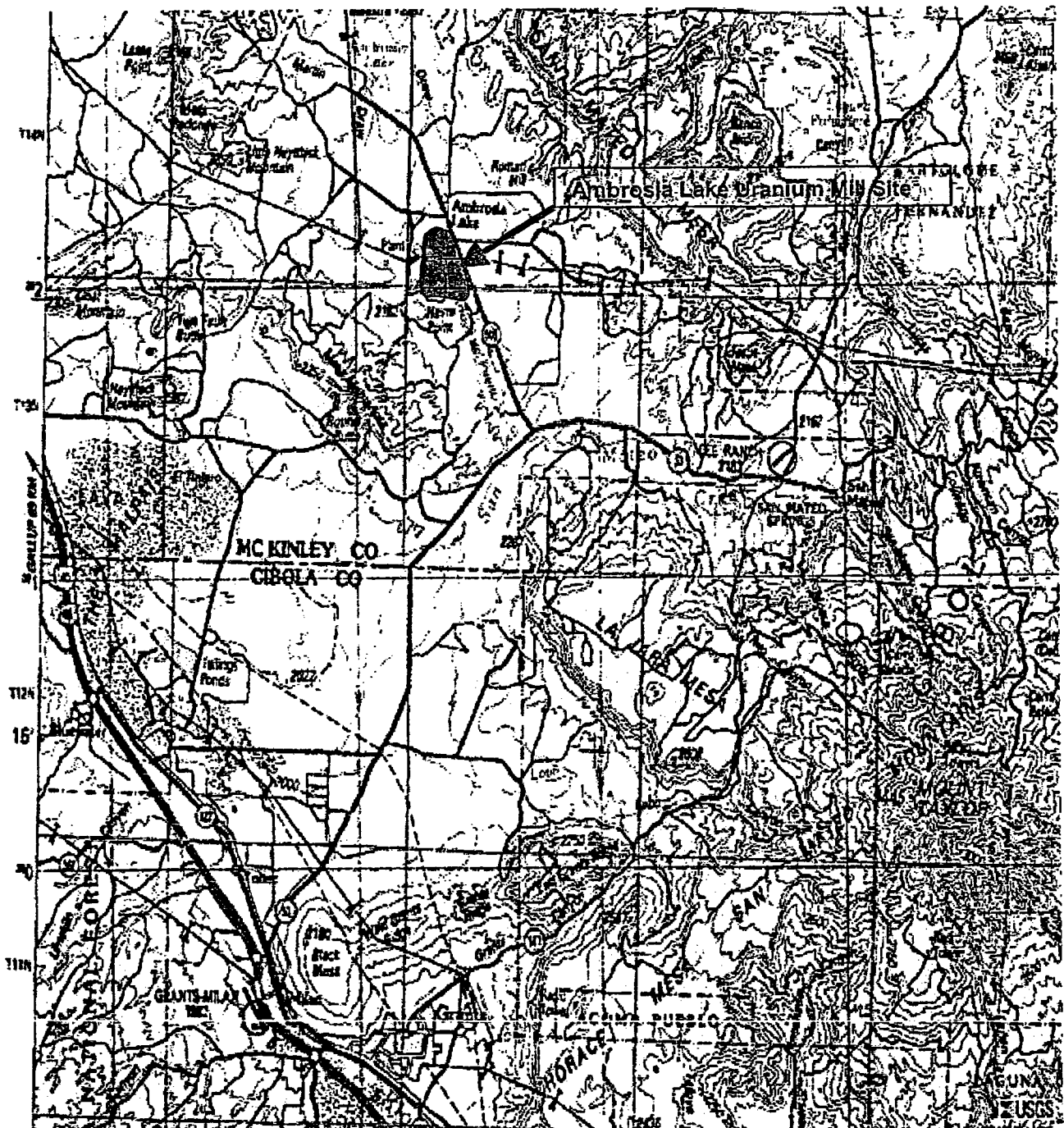
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Governor Fred S. Vallo
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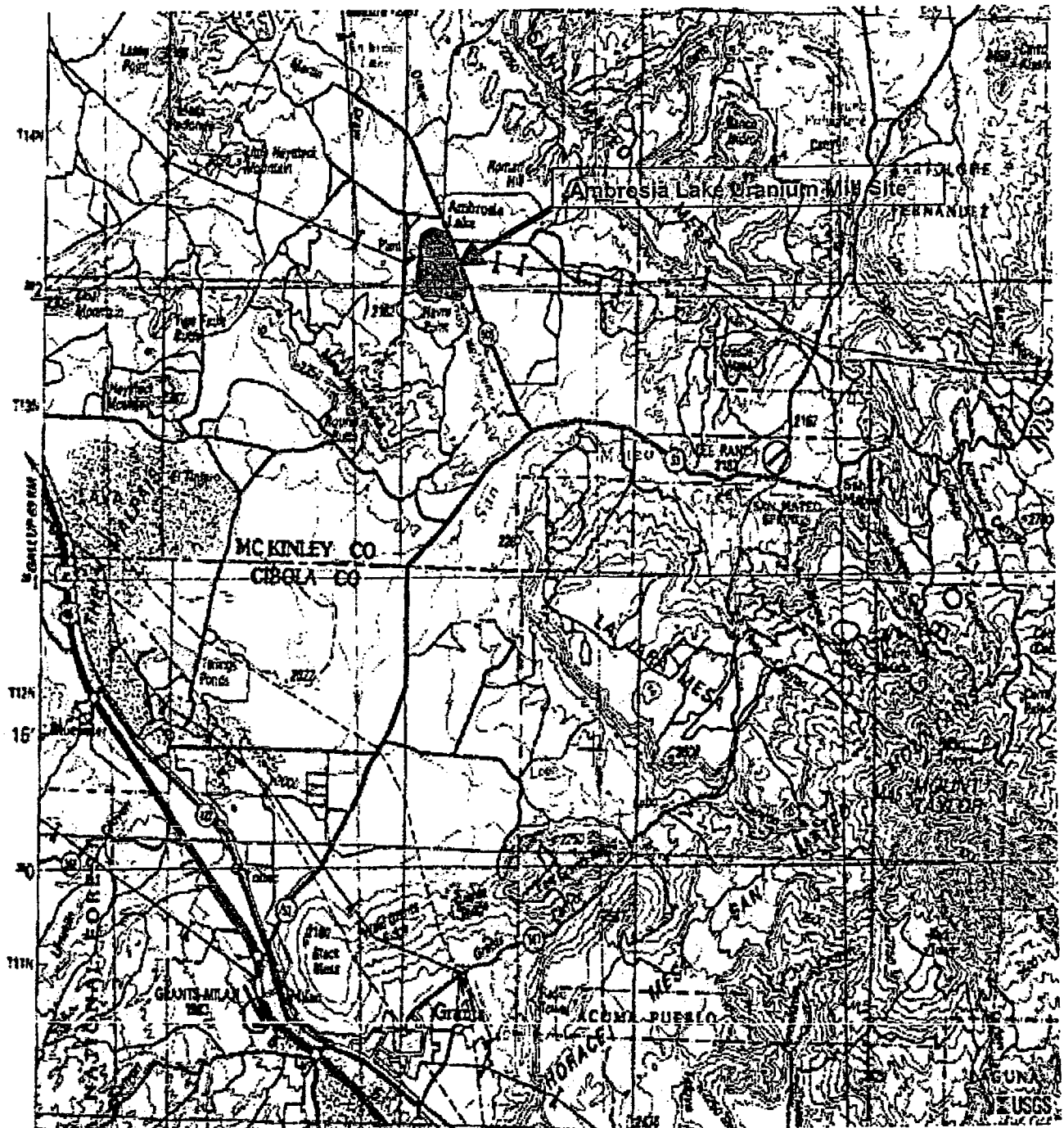
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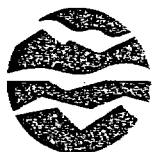
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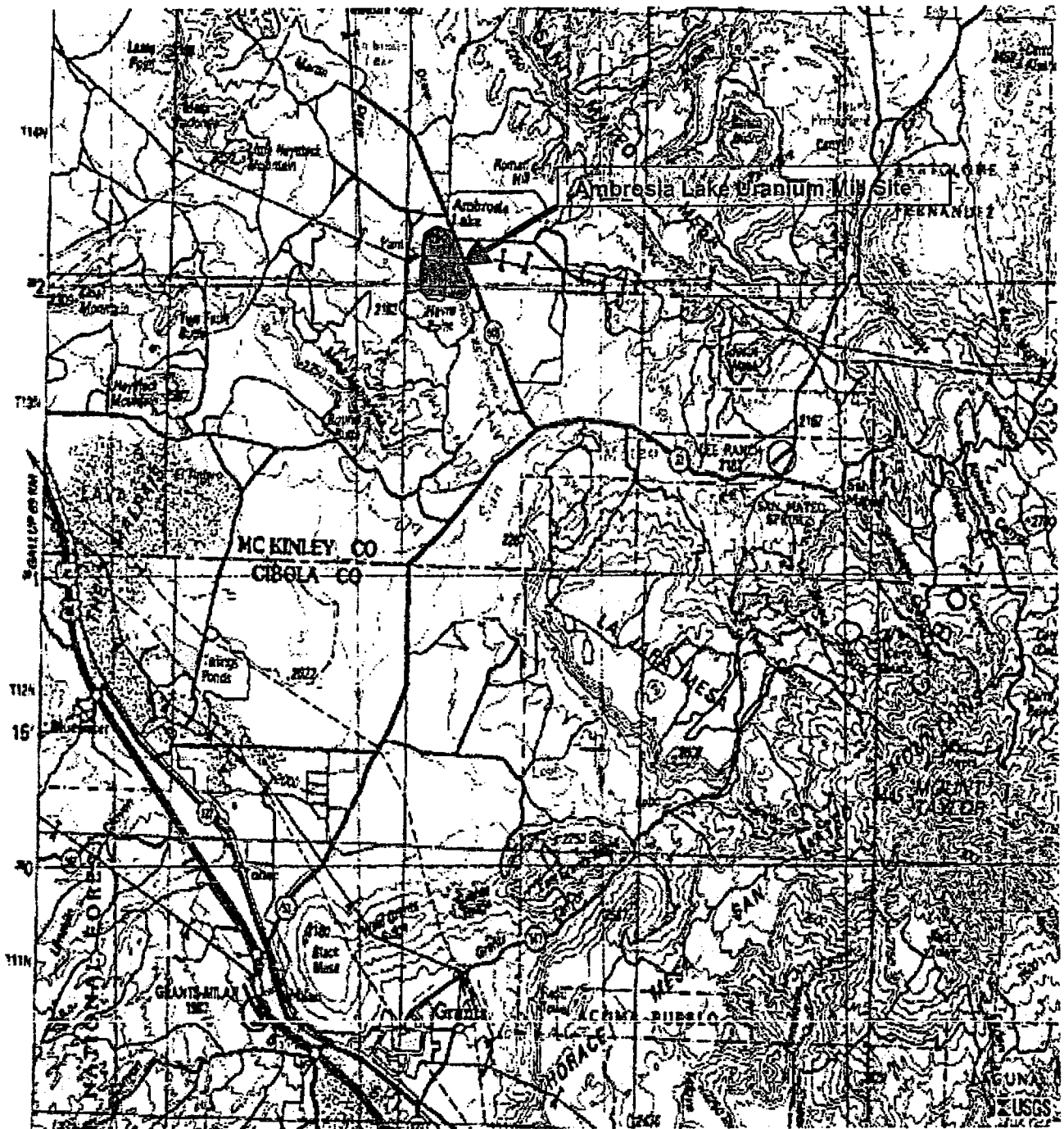
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