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Dear

Reference: Allegation No. RIV-96-A-0102

This is in reference to an April 26, 1996, letter from the NRC Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS). The letter acknowledged receipt of your concerns at the United Nuclear Corporation's (UNC) Church Rock Mill Site, and also advised you that NRC Region IV office was responsible for inspection activities at UNC facilities in New Mexico.

We have completed our inspection activities related to your concerns. The NRC inspection was completed during the week of October 7-8, 1996, and NRC Inspection Report 40-8907/96-01 was issued on October 28, 1996. In summary, no violations or deviations were identified during the inspection. Enclosed for your reference and information is a copy of NRC Inspection Report 40-8907/96-01. The NRC did not review or evaluate whether any alleged health problems resulted from your exposure to material at UNC.

The NRC Office of Investigations (OI) completed the investigation and issued the OI report on November 25, 1996. In summary, OI concluded that based on the evidence developed during the investigation, your allegations that UNC: falsified training employee training records; released contaminated equipment from UNC's work site; failed to properly clean a contaminated area; and disposed of contaminated material in UNC's fuel storage tank; were not substantiated.

Although you will find that the NRC was not able to substantiate your concerns, this does not necessarily mean that we find the facts as you stated them to be untrue. It means only that we were unable to obtain objective evidence to corroborate your statements through interviews, document reviews, and/or direct observation.

We believe that our actions in this matter have been responsive to your concerns. We take our safety responsibilities to the public very seriously and will continue to do so within the bounds of our lawful authority. Unless NRC receives additional information that suggests our conclusions should be altered, Region IV plans no further action on this matter.

Sincerely,

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