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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Mr. Levon Benally
Navajo Nation EPA
P. O. Box 339
Window Rock, AZ 86515

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION - NMSS-97-A-0025
UNITED NUCLEAR CORPORATION - CHURCH ROCK URANIUM MILL

Dear Mr. Benally:

On July 8, 1997, you advised the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff of concerns by an individual about the United Nuclear Corporation (UNC) Church Rock site. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has certain procedures for dealing with public concerns that are considered "allegations." In the present case, the individual's concerns are being treated as an allegation. We have written directly to the individual about those concerns. As I explained during my telephone conversation with you today, I am enclosing for your reference a copy of a brochure entitled "Reporting Safety Concerns to the NRC," which provides additional information about the NRC allegation process.

The individual's concerns are being forwarded to NRC's Region IV office in Arlington, Texas, which office has responsibility for that geographic area. We have informed the individual that the new point of contact with regard to this matter is:

Mr. Russell Wise
Allegation Coordinator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
Harris Tower
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400
Arlington, TX 76011-8064

Telephone: (817) 860-8245 or 1-800-695-7403

The Region IV office will inform the individual of further actions in this case. If you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Wise, or you may contact me directly at (301) 415-7877. Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Robert L. O'Connell
Allegation Coordinator
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

cc: R. Wise, RIV

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