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Toney Anaya, Governor, State of New Mexico

FROM:

Denise Fort, Environmental Improvement Division, Director

DATE:

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March 19, 1986

SUBJECT:

Continued State Administration of the Uranium Licensing Program

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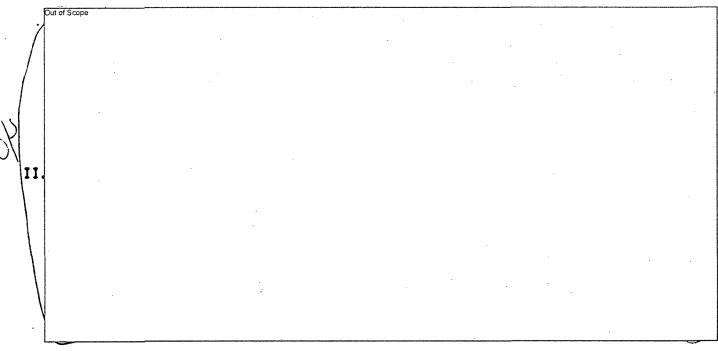
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All of the five Title II sites have documented ground water contamination due to seepage from unlined tailings ponds. Two of the sites, Homestake and UNC, are on the National Priorities List for federal Superfund treatment, primarily because of ground water problems. Homestake has installed a new public water supply at its own expense and implemented a pump back system, augmented by a fresh water injection process in an attempt to reclaim the polluted aquifer. EPA has not yet determined what remedial action will be required at UNC's tailings pile. Currently, all of these five sites are required to comply with State Water Quality Control Commission regulations, which are less stringent than those adopted by the EPA and currently applied by the NRC.

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