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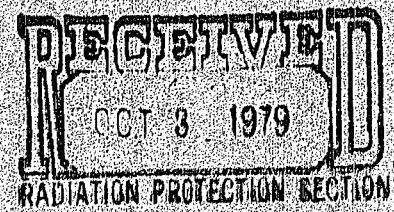
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October 2, 1979

Mr. H. J. Abbiss, Vice President  
United Nuclear Corporation  
Mining and Milling Division  
P. O. Box 3951  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110



Dear Mr. Abbiss:

The discharge plan approval for United Nuclear Corporation's discharge plan (DP-63) for its backfilling operation at its Northeast Churchrock Mine is hereby extended to January 31, 1980. This extension of time is for the discharge plan as originally approved on May 23, 1979, provided the following additional conditions are met:

1. United Nuclear Corporation shall keep daily records of volumes (or weights) of tailings backfilled and locations of mine areas which are backfilled. Also, included shall be information as to whether or not the tailings used for backfilling have been cycloned, prewashed, or otherwise treated prior to use.
2. Monthly, the Company shall supply the EID with the daily records detailed in condition "1" above.
3. Any such available records of previous backfilling operations shall be supplied to the EID by November 15, 1979.

Otherwise, the monitoring and reporting shall remain as specified in the approved discharge plan.

A public notice will be issued of your request for amendment of the plan and a decision thereon will be made after opportunity for public comment.

If you have any questions relating to this matter, feel free to contact Mr. Bruce Gallaher, or Ms. Maxine S. Goad, at the above address and telephone number.

Sincerely,

*Thomas E. Baca*  
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