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Mr. Ed. Hawkins  
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Dear Mr. Hawkins:

I recently had occasion to discuss with you Kerr-McGee/Quivira Mining Company Church Rock mine operation. I asked at that time if they had to comply with any NRC rules or regulations in their abandonment/reclamation plans. At that time I understood you to say that they did not, is that correct? Another department within the Tribal government framework recently stated that they did. Therefore, I need a letter from NRC stating NRC's official attitude toward Kerr-McGee/Quivira Mining Company's Church Rock Mine. I am in need of an immediate response regarding this matter because I am reviewing their mine reclamation plan. I look forward to receiving your letter. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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