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Docket No. 40-8907

Ms. Carol Lowery  
Navajo Environmental Protection  
P. O. Box 308  
Window Rock, Navajo Nation, AZ 86515

Dear Ms. Lowery:

As we discussed, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission does not have any regulatory jurisdiction over the Quivira (Kerr McGee) Churchrock Mine operations or its reclamation.

If they, or some other party, wished to conduct in-situ solution mining in or near the mine, these operations would require a license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. At the present time, we do not have any applications for in-situ mining in this area, but if we receive one, we will notify your office.

Sincerely,

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R. Dale Smith, Director  
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