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Re: Request for Extension of Review Time on the Technical Analysis Report in Support of License Amendment Request for Revised Background Standards Based on Updated Background Concentrations, Source Materials License SUA-1475 United Nuclear Corporation Church Rock Mill and Tailings Site, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Norman:

On April 21, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received the Technical Analysis Report in Support of License Amendment Request for Revised Background Standards Based on Updated Background Concentrations, Source Materials License SUA-1475 United Nuclear Corporation Church Rock Mill and Tailings Site, New Mexico. This report was received through an email sent by Mr. Mark Jancin of Chester Engineers, on behalf of United Nuclear Corporation. I would like to request a review extension until June 29, 2012.

The EPA is currently reviewing the application and the statistical package supporting the revised background standards. Any revision to ground water standards could potentially affect attainment of applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 *et. seq* outside of the tailings disposal area. We want to be thorough in our review and consideration of comments such that the regulatory requirements of both Agencies will be met. We respectfully request a review extension in support of our efforts.

It is our intention to complete our review and provide to you our comments by the requested extension date of June 29, 2012. If you have any questions, please call me at (214) 665-8143. We continue to look forward to working with you through this project.

Sincerely,



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cc: Ms. Cathy Gilmore, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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