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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
INTERNATIONAL URANIUM (USA) CORPORATION
Docket No. 40-8681-MLA-2
ASLBP No. 98-733-01-MLA

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DESIGNATION OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the Federal Register, 37 F.R. 28710 (1972), and Sections 2.105, 2.700, 2.702, 2.714, 2.714a, 2.717 and 2.1207 of the Commission's Regulations, a single member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel is hereby designated to rule on petitions for leave to intervene and/or requests for hearing and, if necessary, to serve as the Presiding Officer to conduct an informal adjudicatory hearing in the following proceeding.

INTERNATIONAL URANIUM (USA) CORPORATION
White Mesa Uranium Mill

(Request for License Amendment)

The hearing, if granted, will be conducted pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Subpart L of the Commission's Regulations, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." This proceeding concerns a request for hearing submitted by the Native American Petitioners on an amendment to the Source Material License of International Uranium (USA) Corporation to allow receipt and processing of uranium-bearing material. The license amendment was granted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff on August 15, 1997.

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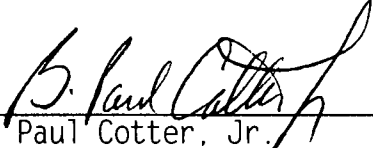
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The Presiding Officer designated for this proceeding is Administrative Judge Peter B. Bloch. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 C.F.R. § 2.722, Administrative Judge Charles N. Kelber has been appointed to assist the Presiding Officer in taking evidence and in preparing a suitable record for review.

All correspondence, documents and other materials shall be filed with Judge Bloch and Judge Kelber in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 2.701. Their addresses are:

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Issued at Rockville, Maryland,
this 9th day of October 1997.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing PRESIDING OFFICER DESIGNATION have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, except as otherwise noted and in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Sec. 2.712.

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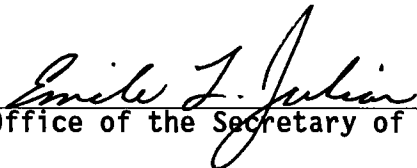
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