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HYDRO RESOURCES, INC.	)	Docket No. 40-8968-ML
2929 Coors Road, Suite 101	)	ASLBP No. 95-706-01-ML
Albuquerque, NM 87120	)	
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**HYDRO RESOURCES, INC.'S RESPONSE  
TO THE FINAL WRITTEN PRESENTATION OF GRACE SAM  
AND MARILYN MORRIS**

Hydro Resources, Inc. ("HRI") respectfully submits the following in response to Grace Sam's and Marilyn Morris' ("Intervenors") February 19, 1999 written presentation regarding National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") issues. In sum, Intervenors assert that the Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS") is deficient for the same reasons forwarded by ENDAUM and SRIC in their February 19, 1999 presentation adding only that the FEIS fails to weigh adequately the "Transportation Risk" to the local population along the route of the Crownpoint Uranium Project ("CUP") site. Intervenors' "Transportation Risks" argument is little more than a reprise of earlier opposition to HRI's April 13, 1988 materials license application regarding proposed in situ leach ("ISL") uranium recovery operations at Church Rock Section 8.

For the claims that are similar to those made earlier by ENDAUM and SRIC, relief should be denied for the reasons set forth in HRI's March 25, 1999 presentations. To the extent

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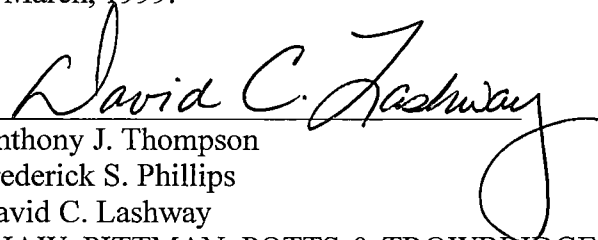
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that new issues are raised regarding "Transportation Risks," Intervenor's ignore the fact that HRI will not be transporting uranium slurry, 11e(2) by-product material, or yellowcake to and from the sites at night.

Moreover, the FEIS contains a thorough examination of all relevant transportation issues regarding the proposed HRI operation. The FEIS analyzes both the route to be used to transport materials to and from the sites and the varying road characteristics along the route. See FEIS at § 3.4. Additionally, the truck accident estimates in the FEIS are conservative figures based on accident data available for the area. See id. The FEIS' use of a wide margin of safety regarding the reasonably foreseeable number of expected accidents along the route sufficiently addresses Intervenor's concerns regarding a possible increase in accidents along the route.

For the foregoing reasons, the FEIS for the Church Rock Section 8 project provides a complete analysis of the increased risk of accidents due to the transportation of materials to and from the site and adequately addresses all other issues raised by Intervenor's. Accordingly, the request for relief should be denied.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of March, 1999.



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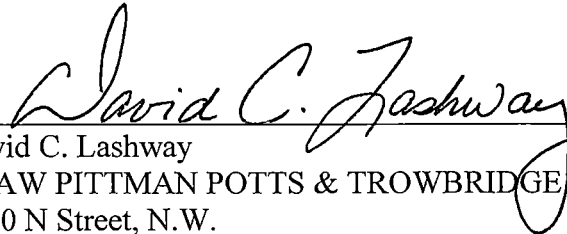
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