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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

URANIUM RECOVERY FIELD OFFICE  
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LETTER FOR: Uranium Recovery Field Office Licensees on Attached List

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

It has come to our attention that some of the commercial laboratories that test mill tailings to characterize radioactive and physical properties may not have a license to receive and handle byproduct material. This letter is to remind you of your responsibilities under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the requirements of 10 CFR 40.51.

Paragraph 40.51 prohibits transfer of source or byproduct material to another person or facility unless they hold a valid license. This requirement applies to small quantities of tailings that would be sent to a laboratory for testing or to any other facility because there is no provision to exempt byproduct material from licensing requirements.

Laboratories in Agreement States, including Texas, Colorado, Washington, and Illinois, should be licensed by that State. All other laboratories should have a specific license issued by the NRC. Accordingly, please verify that any laboratories that perform mill tailings testing for you hold a valid license.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact me at (303) 231-5800.

Sincerely,

Ramon E. Hall  
Director

Attachment:  
As stated

cc:  
Uranium Recovery Licensees  
(attached Distribution List)

## NEW MEXICO FACILITIES

Quivira Mining Company  
ATTN: Bill Ferdinand  
6305 Waterford Blvd., Suite 325  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

UNC Mining and Milling  
ATTN: Juan R. Velasquez  
1700 Louisiana Blvd., NE, Suite 230  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110

Atlantic Richfield Company  
ATTN: Ron S. Ziegler  
P.O. Box 638  
Grants, New Mexico 87020

Homestake Mining Company  
ATTN: Fred Craft  
P.O. Box 98  
Grants, New Mexico 87020

## UTAH FACILITIES

Rio Algom Mining Corp.  
ATTN: Bill Ferdinand  
6305 Waterford Blvd., Suite 325  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

Atlas Corporation  
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370 Seventeenth St., Suite 3150  
Denver, Colorado 80202-5631

Plateau Resources Limited  
P.O. Box 2111  
Ticaboo  
Lake Powell, Utah 84533-2111

Umetco Minerals Corporation  
ATTN: R. A. Van Horn  
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Grand Junction, Colorado 81502

## WYOMING FACILITIES

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P.O. Box 366  
Casper, Wyoming 82602

Umetco Minerals Corporation  
ATTN: Pat J. L. Lyons  
P.O. Box 151  
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American Nuclear Corporation  
ATTN: Stephen A. Carpenter  
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Exxon Corporation  
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ATTN: Dave Range  
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Houston, Texas 77251-1314

Pathfinder Mines Corporation  
ATTN: Lee Nugent  
P.O. Box 831  
Riverton, Wyoming 82501

Pathfinder Mines Corporation  
ATTN: Robert Hopkins  
Shirley Basin Mine  
Shirley Basin, Wyoming 82615

Petrotomics Company  
ATTN: Ron Juday  
P.O. Box 8509  
Shirley Basin, Wyoming 82615

Western Nuclear, Inc.  
ATTN: Stephanie Baker  
200 Union Boulevard, Suite 300  
Lakewood, Colorado 80228

Kennecott Uranium Company  
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Rawlins, Wyoming 82301