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Ms. Pam Ferrara
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Dear Ms. Ferrara:

As requested in your recent letter, please find enclosed a copy of the proposed rule changes to 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, 70, 150, and 170 which have been issued (44 FR 50012, August 24, 1979). These regulations have been amended to incorporate the recommendations presented by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff in the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Uranium Milling issued for comment in April 1979, and the requirements of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act (UMTRCA) of 1978. The rulemaking for these amendments are expected to be completed in May 1980.

The NRC has recently submitted comments to the State of Oregon on their proposed draft rules regarding uranium mills. The NRC review was conducted in terms of the requirements of the NRC's proposed regulations and the UMTRCA of 1978, and identified the major areas which were not consistent. We expect that a full and final evaluation of the adequacy of State regulations on milling and mill tailings will be made after the NRC regulations (which will constitute minimum national standards) are issued in final form.

It is hoped that this information sufficiently answers your request. Please contact Ms. Madonna E. Krug of my staff (301-427-4103) if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

H. J. Miller, Section Leader
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Enclosure:
44 FR 50012 and corrections

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