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November 12, 1979

Mr. Ray Cooperstein  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Re: SUA 1013; Docket #40-7869

Dear Mr. Cooperstein:

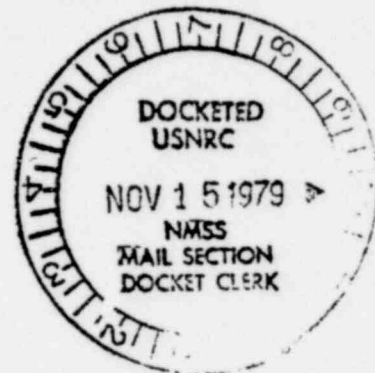
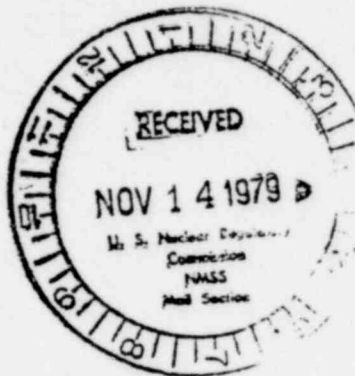
Plateau Resources Limited received its Source Material License SUA 1371 for its Shootering Canyon Uranium Processing facility, Garfield County, Utah.

In order to update our plans as to an anticipated completion date for the decommissioning of the Hydro-Jet leaching facility referenced above, we submit the following information.

The status of decommissioning remains unchanged from our letter to Mr. Jack Rothfleisch dated May 3, 1979. Monitoring pursuant to our decommissioning plan, submitted August 28, 1978 is being performed.

It is anticipated that mill start-up will be first quarter, 1981. At that time we will commence moving the wet tailings from the west leach vat area by truck with monitoring to assure no material escapes onto the haul road. Approximately 25,000 tons of wet tailings plus underburden, as well as soil from the contaminated equipment storage area will be removed, seeking to achieve target criteria specified in "Interim Land Clean Up Criteria for Decommissioning Uranium Mill Sites" May, 1978.

Contaminated equipment will be transferred by truck to the Shootering Canyon Uranium Processing Facility restricted area. This equipment will either be buried in the tailings pond, used in the restricted area if salvageable, or released for unrestricted use in accordance with guidelines set forth in "Annex A, Guidelines for Decontamination of Facilities and Equipment Prior to Release for Unrestricted Use or Termination of Licenses for Byproduct, Source or Special Nuclear Material, USNRC Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety," November, 1976.



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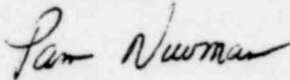
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It is expected that the transferal will begin by March 1, 1981 and be completed by April 31, 1981 if there are no significant impoundment construction delays. Upon its completion, decommissioning data will be submitted to your office.

Sincerely,



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Licensing Coordinator

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