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REG. SECTION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Mr. John Linehan

Gentlemen:

On March 21, 1978 Atlas Minerals requested that License No. SUA-917 be amended to permit raising of the tailings pond embankment at their Moab, Utah Millsite. The proposed construction was to be done as described in Dames and Moore's "REPORT OF ENGINEERING DESIGN STUDY, ADDITIONS TO TAILINGS POND - EMBANKMENT SYSTEM, MOAB, UTAH," which was sent to you in February, 1978.

N.R.C. reviewed this submittal and requested additional studies and technical information. The requested data was sent to N.R.C. on February 19, 1979 entitled "REPORT OF SUPPLEMENTARY STUDY, GEOTECHNICAL EVALUATION OF TAILINGS POND - EMBANKMENT SYSTEM, MOAB, UTAH."

In the mean time Atlas needed additional storage capacity for tailings so the embankment was raised 6' (with N.R.C. approval) in July and August of 1978.

It is imperative that Atlas raise the embankment again this August to provide for additional tailing storage. To accomplish this requires that we award construction contracts in July and thus we need N.R.C. approval in the very near future.

Would you please advise if the issuance of this license amendment will require any further action by Atlas.

Very truly yours,

*Gordon T. Swanby*  
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Serial No.  
Agency Fee  
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"LICENSE AMENDMENTS"

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William O. Miller, License Fee Management Branch, ADM

MATERIALS LICENSE AMENDMENT CLASSIFICATION

Applicant: Atlas Minerals  
 License No: SUA-917 Fee Category: 2A  
 Application Dated: 6-5-79 Received: 6-11-79  
 Applicant's Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

The above application for amendment has been reviewed by NMSS in accordance with §170.31 of Part 170, and is classified as follows:

1. Safety and Environmental Amendments to Licenses in Fee Categories 1A through 1H, 2A, 2B, 2C, and 4A
  - (a)  Major safety and environmental
  - (b)  Minor safety and environmental
  - (c)  Safety and environmental (Categories 1D through 1G only)
  - (d)  Administrative

2. Justification for reclassification: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. The application was filed (a)  pursuant to written NRC request and the amendment is being issued for the convenience of the Commission, or (b)  Other (State reason): \_\_\_\_\_  
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NO LICENSING ACTION REQUIRED AMENDMENT REQUEST IS ALREADY IN HOUSE

Signature J. J. [unclear]  
Division of Fuel Cycle & Material Safety

Date 6/11/79

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