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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Nuclear Material
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

The staff of the Blanding Job Service Office has been rather deeply involved with the Energy Fuels Nuclear operation from the time it first started in San Juan County. The past, current and, we believe, the future impact of the Energy Fuels program, has been and will continue to be very positive.

Our business is jobs and this is what Energy Fuels is providing, in an area which needs jobs very badly. The draft environmental statement which was issued in December 1978, does not address some socio-economic conditions which relate to the need for jobs. For instance, the November 1978 report from the Utah Department of Social Services lists 555 families containing 2,084 individuals who are receiving public assistance in San Juan County. This does not include individuals who are on medical assistance only. This means that 14.78% of the total county population is receiving public assistance under AFDC or GA categories. This is by far the highest welfare percentage in the entire State of Utah. It is our feeling that the only way to reduce this financial burden and break the dependency cycle is to provide high quality jobs.

A review of the draft statement indicates that Energy Fuels is prepared to do an excellent job with environmental and other community concerns. On the basis of these and other facts, we support the construction and operation of the White Mesa uranium mill and urge you to issue appropriate licenses as soon as possible.

Very truly yours.

Harold J. Lyman, Manager

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