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Mr. Melvin T. Smith, Director  
Department of Community and  
Economic Development  
Division of State History  
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is to apprise you of the actions taken by the NRC in response to your concerns stated in a letter to me dated June 12, 1980, about the archeological activities being performed at the White Mesa Uranium Mill site.

We have made arrangements for Mr. Jack Rudy of the Interagency Archeological Services (IAS), Denver Regional Office, to meet with your Mr. James Dykman at the White Mesa, Utah, site on June 18, 1980, to review with the mill operator and their contractor the archeological work being done. After telephone consultation with Mr. Daniel Gillen of my staff and Mr. Roy Reaves, IAS, Washington Office, Mr. Rudy agreed to check the work being performed for conformance with the memorandum of agreement and research design agreed upon by our agencies and the mill operator. In addition, Mr. George Glasier, Energy Fuels Nuclear, in a telephone conversation with me on June 16, 1980, agreed to suspend further archeological activities until the meeting at the site on June 18, 1980.

Mr. Daniel Gillen will continue to coordinate the federal activities with your Mr. Dykman until satisfactory resolution of this matter.

We are pleased to cooperate with your agency in this exercise of responsible regulatory overview and share your interest in protecting the archeological resources of the state of Utah.

Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ross A. Scarano".

Ross A. Scarano, Chief  
Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch  
Division of Waste Management

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