

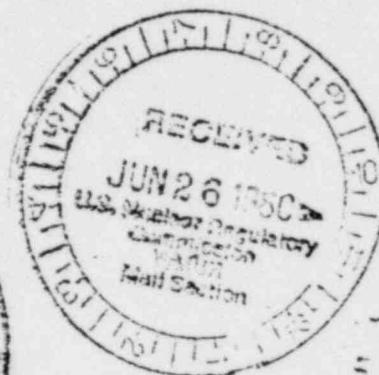
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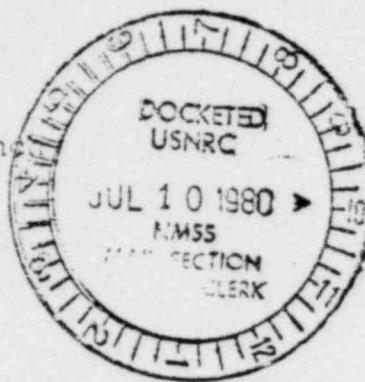
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June 22, 1980



Mr. Eugene A. Frager
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Division of Waste Management
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555



Dear Mr. Frager:

Thanks for your letter of June 19, regarding a proposed study of potential uranium development in Colorado. I'm afraid perhaps I did not make as clear as I should have what our concerns are.

We are aware of Colorado's status as an agreement state and we do realize that each individual uranium development project is subject to licensing regulations and assessment. In fact, we have testified at all the hearings so far held on the Hansen project of Cyprus Mines Corporation and expect to testify at those to be held in the future. That is one area of involvement for us.

However, the potential uranium development is another matter. We are asking for a cumulative impact study of the entire area that has been staked out for potential development (uranium) in the 5-county area I mentioned in my letter. Dr. Traylor, of the Colorado Health Department, has met with us and supports the concept, as do several state legislators, the Pueblo Area Council of Governments, the local health department, and others.

We believe that a study of the total impact should be done, rather than the case by case evaluation that your letter mentions, although the latter would have to be done, too, as licenses are applied for.

Are you familiar with the large, very comprehensive study that was done of the San Juan Basin in New Mexico?

Specifically, we are looking for two things: support for the concept of the study, and funding sources, not for our organization or the Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission, but for the agency that will ultimately conduct the study. Dr. Traylor suggested we seek funding sources and agreed to see what he could do.

Sincerely,

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