

Dear Mr. Scarano:

Please find enclosed 15 copies each of Application for Source Material License and the accompanying license application Environmental Report submitted in response to the requirements of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Rules and Regulations, Title 10, Chapter 1, Code of Federal Regulations - Energy, Part 40. Arizona Public Service Company (APS) proposes to test the in situ leaching of uranium with a Research and Development (R&D) scale facility at their Peterson Project, Converse County, byoming. Nuclear Assurance Corporation (NAC) will act as operator of the project for APS. APS intends to construct a commercial scale mine in the future if the R&D test indicates that such an operation would be economically feasible, and environmentally safe.

APS-NAC have spent the period from September 1979 until the present collecting environmental data so that a complete and tho rough R&D license application could be submitted to your office. We hope that the relatively dong time allotted to preparation of the application has resulted in an organized and acceptable document for your review.

APS-NAC hope to start earthwork and site preparation during August, 1980 with R&D pilot plant operations beginning during early 1981. We realize that the workload of your staff and review time required for a thorough evaluation of the proposed testing operation may require several morths. However, APS-NAC will be very responsive to questions that you and your staff may have and will work closely with you so that libense approval may be granted within the above time frame.

Please find enclosed our check in the amount of \$2,000.00 to cover the cost of application as defined by the Schedule of Fees, 10 CFR, Part 170.31.

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After you have had an opportunity to review the license application, we will be happy to discuss its contents with you. For additional information or correspondence, please contact me at Nuclear Assurance Corporation, 8312 E. Otero Circle, Englewood, Colorado 80112, (303) 741-0447.

If you have y questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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