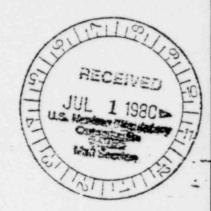


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Mr. John J. Linehan Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch Division of Waste Management United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Linehan:

This letter is to confirm two of our recent telephone talks wherein the interactions between many of the various licensing conditions and other actions that have been taken since the license was issued were discussed.

We requested permission on January 16, 1980, to construct an additional 18 foot raise on the tailings structure at Moab. Your letter of reponse of May 7, 1980, requested additional studies on tailings disposal alternatives. We agree with this concept and are proceeding with these studies at this time.

Before we can proceed with final estimates of decommissioning costs, we need to know if you will approve this raise, and in addition, we need to know what additional regulatory requirements will be imposed as a result of the GEIS effort. In a like manner, we need to agree upon the final configuration for tailings storage at decommissioning and determine if this might have some effect on location of the riprap.

In addition, our suggestion of re-routing the Moab Wash through the present mill area at decommissioning could well be the best solution for many of these interrelated problems.

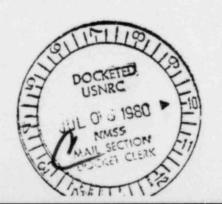
Finally, an accurate determination of the surety requirement rests upon how the foregoing problems are eventually handled.

Very truly yours,

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