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MEMORANDUM FOR: G. W. Kerr, Assistant Director  
Office of State Programs

FROM: Ross A. Scarano, Chief  
Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch

SUBJECT: CHURCH ROCK DAM STABILITY ISSUES

This is in response to your memos of June 23 and 24, 1980, transmitting New Mexico's response to the Church Rock tailings dam stability issues raised in our December 10, 1979 letter to New Mexico.

Per your request, we have transmitted a copy of the information to Dr. John Nelson, our geotechnical consultant, to determine if the issues have been addressed adequately. In addition, we are attempting to have Joe Kane, NRR review the material. As you know both individuals were involved in the post-accident assessments.

I expect to have an answer no later than July 31, 1980.

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

Ross A. Scarano, Chief  
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