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State Engineer Office State of New Mexico Attn: Mr. J.L. Whiteman Bataan Memorial Building State Capitol Santa Fe, N.M. 87503

Dear Mr. Whiteman:



In accordance with our discussion of March 7, 1980, and documentation provided and to be provided by the Gulf Mineral Resource Co., we request that your office provide us with an evaluation of the structural stability of the proposed evaporation pond dam at the tailings disposal site and the catchment dam at the mill site.

We further request that, in addition to the requirements of the State Engineer Office, the proposed structures be evaluated in accordance with the guidance provided by the U.S.N.R.C. Regulatory Guide 3.11.

Sincerely yours,

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cc W. Rogers, Gulf E. Trager, NRC

