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Mr. M. D. Lawton
Rio Algom Corporation
Lisbon Mine
La Sal Route
Moab, Utah 84532

Dear Mr. Lawton:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the understandings reached during our telephone conversation of April 7, 1980.

As I indicated during our conversation, I made no commitment to Dames & Moore that submittal of a copy of your tailings management study directly to me would expedite our decision on your license amendment request. Before we can consider your request to raise your existing dam another five feet, we must receive a check from you in the amount of \$20,800 to cover the license fee for this amendment request. Upon receipt of the license fee, we will initiate our environmental and safety reviews of your proposed dam raise using Dr. John Nelson of Colorado State University as our geotechnical consultant.

We will be in contact with you following our initial review of your amendment request. At that time, we will also be able to give you or Mr. Pullen an outline of the specific areas that must be addressed in your license renewal application, as previously requested by Mr. Pullen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John J. Linehan".

John J. Linehan, Section Leader
Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch
Division of Waste Management

cc: Mr. P. Pullen.