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Mr. William P. Gammill  
Assistant Director for Site Technology  
Division of Site Safety and Environmental Analysis  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555



Dear Mr. Gammill:

Inclosed are the safety evaluation report for the Petrotoomics Company mine tailings retention dam and the license conditions for operating the tailings retention system.

It is my understanding that construction of the proposed dam will not begin until the spring of 1978. Therefore, it is requested that the construction specifications and drawings, after all revisions have been made as discussed in the documents referenced in the safety evaluation report, be submitted to my office for review prior to construction.

It is also requested that this office be notified as to the time for inspection of the construction features discussed in the license conditions.

The cost to date for the review of referenced design documents will be forwarded after 1 November 1977. It is estimated that the additional cost for review of the construction specifications and drawings and inspection during construction will be approximately \$3,000.00.

Sincerely,

JASPER H. COOMBES, P.E.  
Chief, Engineering Division

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As stated