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Mr. Albert J. Hazle, Director
Radiation and Hazardous Wastes
Control Division
Colorado Department of Health
4210 East 11th Avenue
Denver, CO 80220

Dear Mr. Hazle:

Enclosed is a copy of the trip report filed by J. E. Rothfleisch of my staff regarding the Cotter Corporation Schwartzwald Ore Sorter Project near Golden, Colorado. As noted in the report, Mr. Rothfleisch met with your staff and Cotter Corporation representatives to provide recommendations on the technical content of Cotter's forthcoming amended license application and environmental report. This report marks the termination of our technical assistance in this project which was initiated with our review of the original application submitted to us in November 1978.

Although our formal involvement in this project has ended, Mr. Rothfleisch will be available for telephone consultation with your staff as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ross A. Scarano".

Ross A. Scarano, Chief
Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch
Division of Waste Management

Enclosure: as stated

cc w/o encl:
E. J. McGrath, Cotter Corp.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ross A. Scarano, Chief
Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch

FROM: Jack E. Rothfleisch
Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch

SUBJECT: TRIP REPORT COVERING INSPECTION OF COTTER
CORPORATION SCHWARTZWALDER ORE SORTER
FACILITY SITE AND MEETING REGARDING
CONTENTS OF AMENDED RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS
LICENSE APPLICATION

Place and Date

April 9 and 10, 1980; Jefferson County (Golden) and Denver, Colorado.

Purpose

To provide an opportunity for the NRC project manager to inspect the ore sorter site and to discuss with the applicant and Colorado Department of Health (CDH) personnel the required contents of an amended license application to operate the ore sorter.

Inspection/Meeting Attendees

NRC - J. E. Rothfleisch

CDH - Michael Brown

Cotter Corp. - Tim Smith, Environmental Engineer
E. J. McGrath, Attorney
C. Palmer, Ore Sorter Manager (Inspection)

Discussion

The Cotter Corporation Schwartwalder Ore Sorter facility located adjacent to the Schwartwalder Mine in Jefferson County near Golden, Colorado, was visited on April 9, 1980. The plant was inspected by NRC personnel and Cotter Corp. personnel and operation was demonstrated. Prior to reaching

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