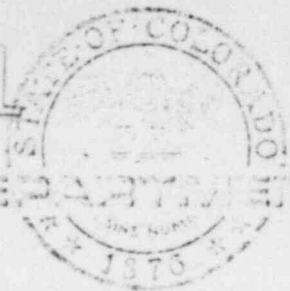


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May 13, 1980

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Dear Mr. Scarano:

Last week at your offices, Ken Weaver of this Division spoke with Hub Miller, Kathy Hamill and George Gnugnoli about the possibility of obtaining separate MILDOS computer output for a subpart of the Pioneer Uranium, Incorporated San Miguel Project.

Pioneer has applied, separate from its uranium mill license application, for a radioactive materials license to operate an ore buying station at the same site as is proposed for the mill. The ore buying station would lead to the mill process circuit if the mill license is approved.

As Wayne Kerr's December 18, 1970 letter stated, the new requirements of the Mill Tailings Act do not apply to ore buying stations. However, the letter does suggest that performing analyses similar to those required by the Act may be beneficial. It is in this spirit that the Department requests an offsite dose commitment output from MILDOS for the Pioneer ore stockpiles, receiving hopper (grizzly), belt conveyor and sampling plant. This output would be separate from and in addition to previously requested technical assistance concerning the mill. No written text is expected.

Since input data are already prepared, the necessary computer run should be relatively inexpensive. My Division staff believes that comparing the ore buying station output to offsite dose estimates for the complete mill will be useful to NRC as well as to us.

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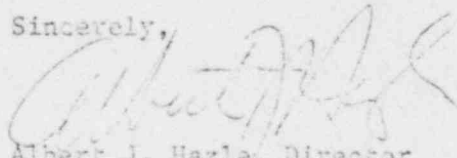
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If there's any reason why this request can't be met within several weeks, please contact Ken Weaver to let him know.

Enclosed, for your information, are air emissions calculations by the Department's Air Pollution Control Division which may be helpful.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure