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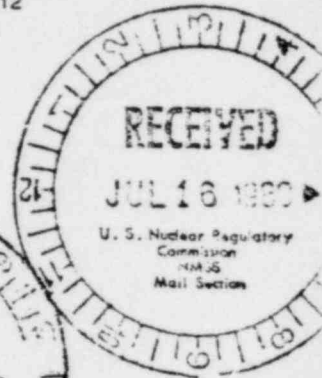
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July 2, 1980

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch
Division of Waste Management
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attn: Mr. Jeff Kotsch
Project Manager

RE: Docket No. 40-8602
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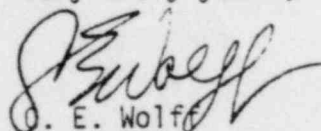
We wish to inform you that we are rescheduling development at the Morton Ranch Project effective on July 2, 1980.

This will necessitate deferring certain phases of the operation including effluent embankment construction for a period of approximately twenty-four (24) months. Mill start-up is now planned for October, 1984. We will continue to comply with all the rules, regulations, laws, and license conditions which are applicable and pertinent to the operations of the Morton Ranch Project.

An update of our schedule for the Source Material License Amendment will be submitted at a later date. For your information we are enclosing a copy of a press release relative to the above.

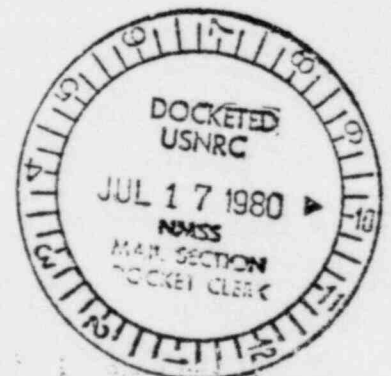
Please advise if further information is desired at this time.

Very truly yours,


O. E. Wolf
Operations Manager
Morton Ranch

CEW/mdd
Attachment

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FOR RELEASE AFTER 4:00 P.M., JULY 2, 1980

UNC Mining and Milling Services, Inc., operator for the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) at its Morton Ranch Uranium Mining Project northwest of Douglas, Wyoming, announced a two-year deferral in the uranium mill start-up. Initial mill production is now scheduled for October, 1984. The deferral is a result of a re-evaluation by TVA of its nuclear fuel requirements.

In line with the deferral of milling operations, mining schedules at the Morton Ranch Operations will also be affected. Essentially all of the open pit operations are being discontinued on July 2, 1980, and underground operations are also being substantially reduced. Approximately 125 employees will be affected. Every effort is being made to assist in securing other employment for those employees.

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