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MEMORANDUM FOR: James H. Sniezek, Director
Division of Fuel Facility & Materials
Safety Inspection

FROM: Ross A. Scarano, Chief
Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INSPECTION OF PINAL HEAP LEACHING
OPERATION

The purpose of this memo is to request an immediate inspection of Pinal's heap leaching operation in Arizona. Upon turnover of this license to the NRC from the State of Arizona in April of this year, my staff contacted Pinal's representatives to set up a meeting to discuss continued operations at the site. Although cooperative initially, Pinal's representatives have refused to return calls from my staff in the past two weeks. Therefore, in order to determine exactly what is going on at the site, we feel it is imperative that an inspector, accompanied by a member of my staff, visit the site within the next week. Based on the inspection, we will then take whatever actions are appropriate.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ross A. Scarano".

Ross A. Scarano, Chief
Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch
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