

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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L. Silvey Director of Safety and Personnel Federal American Partners Gas Hills Route Riverton, Wyoming 82501

Dear Mr. Silvey:

This letter is a response to your June 3, 1980, request for information regarding the availability of federal assistance to help effect a relocation of persons residing near a uranium milling operation.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission itself has no authority to make available funds for assistance of this type. My staff contacted the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and was informed that federal assistance is only available if a situation is declared a federal emergency. To the best of our knowledge, there is no federal funding available for general relocation.

Sincerely. af lean

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