

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

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Mr. William J. Shelly Kerr-McGee Nuclear Corporation Kerr-McGee Center Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125

Dear Mr. Shelly:

Confirming my telephone conservation with Mr. G. France of your staff on August 20, 1980, this letter is to advise you of the status of NRC licensing action on your South Powder River Basin "Q" Sand Project application (Docket No. 40-8768).

A current heavy caseload prevents us from initiating the in depth review of your project until mid-October. I expect that we will be able to complete our review within about three months of that time.

Sincerely,

H.J. Miller, Section Leader Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch Division of Waste Management