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SUBJECT: SUA-1475 windblown tailings requirements

Dear Mr. Garcia:

Per our recent telephone conversation United Nuclear Corporation hereby requests an amendment to our license extending until December 31, 1990 the time by which windblown tailings should be cleaned upon on Section 1, T16N, R16W.

United Nuclear recently received a response to our proposal regarding Section 1 from the Navajo Environmental Protection Administration. A copy of the letter is attached herewith. The tribe requests that we clean the 5.3 acres in question. Unfortunately, we have already demobilized the equipment used earlier this year in cleaning up windblown tailings and recountouring the North Pond on United Nuclear Property. We anticipate remobilizing equipment for the interim stabilization work to be conducted in the spring, 1990. At that time we would be able to conduct the remaining windblown tailings cleanup on Section 1. Revegetation would then be conducted during the fall concurrently with that to be conducted on the tailings facility.

Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$150.00 for processing the license amendment request. If you have any questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Juan R. Velasquez
President

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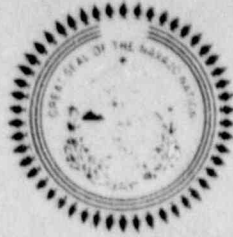
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October 20, 1989

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RE: UNC-ALO-89-280M

Dear Mr. Valasquez,

Thank you for your letters of May 24, 1989 and September 26, 1989 to the Navajo Nation regarding United Nuclear Corporation's (UNC) proposal requesting a concurrence from the Navajo Nation to not clean up a 5.3 acre parcel of land located in Section 1, T16N, R16W. We regret for the long delay in our response to your requests.

In response to UNC's claim that the detrimental impacts of cleanup outweigh the benefits of cleanup, the Navajo Nation feels, after careful review of the June, 1989 field evaluation, that the 5.3 acres in question should be cleaned up and reclaimed to the extent reasonably possible per the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) requirements. While carefully weighing UNC's position, the Navajo Nation feels the major determining factor is public health.

Therefore, our decision is to have UNC commence and perform cleanup on the 5.3 acres of Trust land in section 1. The basis for this decision is that any future land use of section 1 can occur with the assurance that the land will be free of excessive radiation levels. The natural vegetation present on the 5.3 acres does not appear to be as worthy as UNC discloses, except for the many pinon and juniper trees. Also according to tribal archaeologists the archaeological sites are not of sufficient importance to affect the overall decision.

Letter to JVelasquez

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Navajo EPA's recommendation is to have UNC clean up the 5.3 acres but adhere to these stipulations:

1. Prior to actual work, UNC will "stake out" any potential locations of archaeological sites in the proposed cleanup area, so that mitigative actions can be initiated on any site or sites situated within the cleanup area to allow adequate reclamation on the remaining 5.3 acres.
2. As much as possible, UNC will attempt to leave intact some of the trees. Some trees will have to be removed to allow sufficient movement of heavy equipment. UNC has already cleaned up their property across the Section 1 fence line and have some trees still standing.
3. UNC will replace scraped topsoil with clean "virgin" topsoil for reseeding or revegetation. This could be performed only in those areas where scraping would remove all of the existing topsoil.

If there is any questions in the above, please call me at telephone # 602/729-5281, 5283 or 5284.

Sincerely,



Louise A. Linkin, Director
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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cc: Peter Deswood, Jr., Executive Director
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