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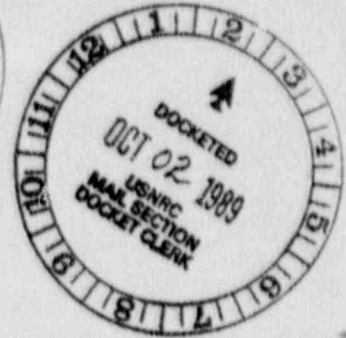
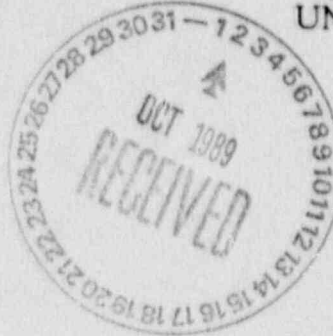
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September 27, 1989  
UNC-ALO-89-281M

Mr. Raymon Hall  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Uranium Recovery Field Office  
Region IV  
P.O. Box 3325  
Denver, CO 80225



REFERENCE: SUA-1475 License Condition No. 33

Dear Mr. Hall:

Regarding the above referenced subject, this is to advise you that we have been unable to date to obtain any response from the Navajo Tribe as to our windblown tailings proposal on section 1. You will recall that we proposed that because the surface disturbance to section 1 which would result from cleaning the nominal contamination identified would be greater than the impacts on the environment if left alone, we believed the best alternative to be not scrape the area.

Representatives of the Tribe reviewed our proposal and inspected the site on June 16, 1989. After their inspection they indicated that they would prepare a report to their superiors so that they could act upon our proposal. We reminded the inspectors that should the decision be to require cleanup that we needed to know in time to allow our contractor to work it into this year's construction schedule. The construction activities at the site are now complete and we have yet to hear from the Tribe. It is now not possible for us to clean section 1 in 1989 as equipment and manpower have been demobilized. I have sent the attached inquiry to the Tribe but have no way of projecting when or if we will receive a response. Accordingly, United Nuclear requests that the requirement contained in condition No. 33 of our license with respect to cleanup of section 1 be deferred until such time as we receive an answer from the Navajo Tribe. Please be advised that we have completed all other windblown tailings cleanup required.

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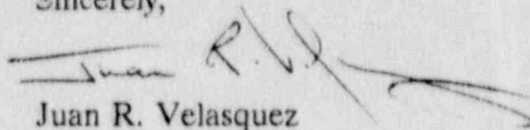
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Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated as we do not wish to be in violation of our license, particularly through no fault of our own.

Sincerely,

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Juan R. Velasquez  
President

JRV: dms

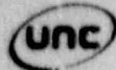
cc: **Pete Garcia - NRC**  
Chuck Johnson

Attachment

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UNC-ALO-89-280M  
September 26, 1989

Ms. Louise Linkin, Director  
Navajo Environmental Protection Administration  
P.O. Box 308  
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Dear Ms. Linkin:

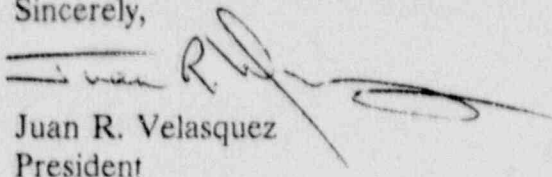
In a letter dated May 24, 1989 to Mr. Patrick Antonio United Nuclear Corporation requested that the Navajo Tribe respond to a proposal regarding a 5.3 acre parcel of land located in Section 1, T16N, R16W. United Nuclear proposed that the Tribe allow United Nuclear to not clean that small parcel, identified through radiological surveys as being nominally contaminated by windblown tailings from the adjacent uranium mill tailings disposed site, for reasons as set forth in the report also provided Mr. Antonio.

On June 11, 1989 Mr. Antonio and a representative of the BIA Archeological Resources Office visited the site to review our proposal and inspect the parcel in question. After walking the land they informed me that a report would be provided to your office containing their recommendations for your action. Recently, I contacted Mr. Antonio for a status report. He informed me that this report had been forwarded to your office several months ago.

Your assistance in obtaining a decision regarding our proposal would be greatly appreciated as United Nuclear is obliged by its Nuclear Regulatory Commission license to determine how the situation in section 1 will be resolved.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Juan R. Velasquez  
President

JRV: dms

cc: Raymon Hall - NRC  
Chuck Johnson