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Docket No. 40-8681

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Docket No. 40-8681

FROM:

Pete J. Garcia, Project Manager

SUBJECT:

LAND USE SURVEY FOR THE WHITE MESA MILL

By letter dated August 14, 1989, Umetco Minerals Corporation submitted the results of the annual land use survey for areas within five miles of the White Mesa Mill. The submittal was in accordance with Condition No. 17 of Source Material License SUA-1358.

The staff review of the Umetco submittal indicates the following major points:

- Cattle grazing in the vicinity of the mill continues, but the number of cattle and length of grazing time has decreased.
- An additional ten acres of land is being utilized for agricultural purposes to the northeast of the mill.
- No wells other than Umetco wells exist within two kilometers of the tailings area.
- No new residences have been constructed within the area covered by the survey.

The staff review indicates that only minor changes in land use have occurred since the previous survey in August 1988. No licensing action is therefore necessary.

Pete J. Garcia Project Manager

Pete J. Darcia Jr.

Approved by:

Ramon E. Hall

Director

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