

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555 PDR- PCS WM-33

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Mr. T. R. Strong Department of Social and Health Services State of Washington Olympia, Washington 98504

Dear Mr. Strong:

In response to your technical assistance request, enclosed is our staff environmental assessment of Dawn Mining Company's proposed below-grade tailings management plan.

This assessment conforms with the schedule and scope agreed upon by your representatives during a site visit in February, 1980, and confirmed by your letter to me dated March 26, 1980.

we would be pleased to respond to any questions by your staff or the public related to our assessment and are willing to participate in any state hearings related to this matter.

Please let me know if we could be of further assistance.

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Sincerely.

<sup>(</sup> Ross A. Scarano, Chief Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch Division of Waste Management

Enclosure: Environmental Assessment

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