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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Department of the Interior ATTN: Mr. Wally Steucke Area Manager Federal Building, Room 3035 316 North 26th Street Billings, Montana 59101

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, we request formal consultation with and the assistance of the Department of the Interior in furtherance of the intent of this act in the Nor's review of the proposed Sand Rock Mill Project, Campbell County, Mysaing (reference: ER 30/1021). A biological assessment (Attachment 1) has been prepared in response to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's letter of October 23, 1980 (Attachment 2) regarding endangered species associated with the Sand Rock Mill site. This assessment has determined that the proposed project has the potential to affect the black-footed ferret.

We therefore request FWS's recommendations regarding mitigating measures, if any, appropriate to this case, and any suggestions that would facilitate further interagency cooperation as required by the Act.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Linda J. Peck (301-427-4542) of my staff.

Sincerely.

Original Signed by: R. A. Scarano

Ross A. Scarano, Chief Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch Division of Waste Management

Attachments: as stated

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