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Mr. Christopher McLoed  
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IN RESPONSE REFER  
TO FOIA-81-8

Dear Mr. McLoed:

This is in further response to your letter dated December 1, 1980 in which you requested, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, all documents relating to five categories of information on uranium mills in Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Wyoming.

The documents listed on the appendix are enclosed.

The NRC has not completed its review of the remaining documents subject to your request. We will respond as soon as the review is completed.

Sincerely,

J. M. Felton, Director  
Division of Rules & Records  
Office of Administration

Enclosures: As stated

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## Appendix

1. September 1980 NUREG-0706, Volume 1
2. September 1980 NUREG-0706, Volume 2
3. September 1980 NUREG-0706, Volume 3
4. March 23, 1975 Note to G. Wayne Kerr from R. B. Chitwood, Tech. Assistance to New Mexico in the review of the United Nuclear Corp., Church Rock, Mill Application
5. July 18, 1980 Letter to G. Wayne Kerr from T. A. Wolff
6. December 10, 1979 Memo to R. A. Scarano from R. E. Jackson
7. June 24, 1980 Memo to R. A. Scarano from G. W. Kerr, UNC Church Rock Dam Failure
8. June 23, 1980 Memo to R. A. Scarano from G. W. Kerr, UNC Church Rock Dam Failure
9. December 4, 1979 Letter to F. E. Paul, the Navajo Nation, from W. J. Dircks
10. September 19, 1980 Notice of Event - 80-34
11. May 5, 1980 Notice of Event - 80-18
12. March 27, 1969 Note to Harold L. Price from J. A. McBride
13. June 17, 1980 Notice of Event - 80-18A
14. May 15, 1980 Abstract - Sweeney Mill Incident
15. May 8, 1980 Memo to Incident Files and License Files from A. J. Hazle, 5/4 Sweeney Incident
16. May 12, 1980 Memo to Sweeney Mill File from Mike Brown, Sweeney Samples collected 5/5/80
17. May 12, 1980 Memo to Sweeney Mill File from Dick Gamewell
18. May 13, 1980 Memo to Sweeney Mill File from Mike Brown/Janet Smith
19. May 20, 1980 Memo to Sweeney Mill File from Mike Brown
20. May 28, 1980 Letter to Gordon Sweeney from Albert J. Hazle
21. Undated Loose pages on Colorado Uranium Mill Tailing
22. September 27, 1977 Radiation Incident Report, Southeastern, Colorado
23. December 16, 1980 Letter to Dr. Ted Wolff from J. L. Lubenau
24. September 26, 1980 Letter to Dr. Ted Wolff from G. W. Kerr
25. August 13, 1980 Note to Tom Rehm from G. W. Kerr

26. August 12, 1980 Memo to R Scarano from G. W. Kerr
27. August 1, 1980 Memo to G. W. Kerr from R. A. Scarano
28. July 18, 1980 Letter to G. Wayne Kerr from T. A. Wolff
29. July 9, 1980 Letter to Dr. Thomas Buhl from G. Eadie
30. July 18, 1980 Letter to R. Scarano from G. W. Kerr, SECY-80-229
31. May 30, 1980 Note to Bob Ryan from G. W. Kerr
32. May 16, 1980 Letter to Dr. T. Wolff from R. A. Scarano
33. February 26, 1980 Note to H. Denton from Mary Rose
34. March 3, 1980 Memo to Files from R. A. Scarano, H. J. Miller, and G. W. Kerr
35. April 11, 1980 Memo to R. Scarano from G. W. Kerr, New Mexico procedures for reviewing radiological assessments of uranium mills
36. April 7, 1980 Letter to Alice Hector from G. H. Cunningham
37. March 25, 1980 Memo to G. Cunningham from G. W. Kerr
38. March 20, 1980 Letter to T. E. Baca from G. W. Kerr
39. March 13, 1980 Letter to W. H. Lazareth from G. W. Kerr
40. March 13, 1980 Memo to Files from R. A. Scarano
41. March 12, 1980 Memo to R. A. Scarano from G. W. Kerr
42. March 12, 1980 Letter to Hubert Miller from T. Buhl
43. March 5, 1980 Letter to Hon. R. Stone from W. J. Dircks
44. February 1, 1980 Letter to Morris K. Udall from T. E. Baca
45. January 21, 1980 Letter to Morris K. Udall from T. E. Baca
46. November 28, 1979 Memo to D. Sly from G. W. Kerr, Amended Orders
47. November 21, 1979 Letter to G. W. Kerr from T. A. Wolff
48. November 15, 1979 Letter to Hon. Pete V. Demenici from L. V. Gossick
49. November 9, 1979 Letter to T. Rehm from G. W. Kerr
50. September 25, 1979 Letter to H. J. Abbiss from T. A. Wolff
51. October 19, 1979 Letter to J. B. Martin from T. E. Baca
52. February 25, 1981 Letter to S. J. Chilk from F. J. Munno
53. October 26, 1979 Telegraph Message to Ms. Adlene Harrison, EPA from J. B. Martin

54. October 24, 1979 Order Conditioning License signed J.B. Martin
55. October 31, 1979 Letter to D. D. Tuberville, ORIC, from Cubia Clayton
56. October 25, 1979 Memo to H. J. Miller from G. G. Eadie
57. December 5, 1979 Memo to H. J. Miller from Gregory G. Eadie
58. October 18, 1979 Memo to M. J. Mustain, IE, from G. Wayne Kerr
59. October 15, 1979 Prel. Notification - United Nuclear, Church Rock Uranium Mill, New Mexico
60. October 9, 1979 Memo to D. Sly from G. W. Kerr
61. September 12, 1979 Letter to Dr. T. Wolff from G. W. Kerr
62. September 7, 1979 Letter to T. Wolff from G. W. Kerr
63. September 6, 1979 Memo to J. H. Sniezek from G. D. Brown
64. August 28, 1979 Memo to D. Sly from G. W. Kerr
65. August 23, 1979 Letter to T. Baca from L. V. Gossick
66. August 13, 1979 Letter to D. D. Tuberville from T. E. Baca
67. August 10, 1979 Letter to D. D. Tuberville from J. E. Baca
68. August 13, 1979 Note to T. Buhl from G. Wayne Kerr, corrected copy of IE sampling results for Church Rock
69. August 13, 1979 Memo to T. Buhl from G. W. Kerr, IE sampling at Church Rock
70. August 6, 1979 Note to Hub Miller from John Kendig
71. August 7, 1979 Note to Hub Miller from J. F. Kendig
72. August 1, 1979 Letter to H. J. Abbiss from R. A. Scarano
73. July 24, 1979 Notice of Non-Routine Event, 79-18B
74. July 18, 1979 Letter to D. D. Tuberville from S. E. Reynolds
75. July 18, 1979 Order, signed by T. E. Baca
76. July 16, 1979 Order, signed by T. E. Baca
77. July 17, 1979 Notice of Non-Routing Event 79-18A
78. July 16, 1979 Notice of Non-Routing Event, 79-18
79. July 16, 1979 Note to T. Rehm from G. W. Kerr
80. December 20, 1979 Memo to R. Scarano from G. W. Kerr, Tailings Impoundment, Weekly Rpt, 11/25 - 12/1/79

81. December 11, 1979 Letter to C. Clayton from H. J. Abbiss, NECR Tailings Impoundment - Weekly Rpt 12/2-8/79
82. April 21, 1980 Letter to Joerg Winterer from G. W. Kerr
83. February 9, 1977 Letter to J. Abbiss from A. A. Topp, Jr.
84. February 11, 1977 Letter to Dr. L. Jacobson from A. A. Topp, Jr.
85. February 11, 1977 Letter to T. R. Beck from A. A. Topp, Jr.
86. April 4, 1980 Letter to R. Siek from G. W. Kerr
87. May 19, 1980 Memo to J. Martin from G. W. Kerr
88. July 25, 1980 Letter to T. E. Baca from G. Wayne Kerr
89. April 15, 1980 Memo to Files from G. W. Kerr
90. June 9, 1980 Memo to R. Ryan from R. B. Minogue
91. June 3, 1980 Memo to R. B. Minogue from R. G. Ryan
92. May 28, 1980 Letter to G. W. Kerr from T. A. Wolff
93. June 3, 1980 Memo to R. B. Minogue from R. G. Ryan
94. August 23, 1979 Letter to T. Baca from L. V. Gossick
95. December 7, 1979 Letter to T. Baca from R. A. Scarano
96. December 7, 1979 Memo to R. A. Scarano from G. G. Eadie
97. December 7, 1979 Memo to R. A. Scarano from Gregory G. Eadie
98. September 12, 1979 Letter to T. E. Baca from H. J. Abbiss
99. September 24, 1979 Letter to J. H. Abbiss from G. W. Stewart
100. August 23, 1979 Letter to T. Baca from L. V. Gossick

# Foundation for National Progress

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

December 1, 1980

Mr. Joseph Felton  
Director, Freedom of Information  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
ACT REQUEST

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Dear Mr. Felton,

Under 5 U.S.C. 552 et seq., The Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request personal access to all documents, internal memorandum, legal opinions, scientific opinions, letters of communication, meeting minutes, hand written notes, studies, tests, charts, tables, unsanitized reports and all other relevant documents related to the items below as listed. I am requesting this information as it relates to the following states: Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming.

Request 1: All uranium tailing spills including dam failures, flash floods and all other accidental or planned releases other than the Church Rock Spill of 1979.

Request 2: Uranium milling practices of the 1940's, 1950's, and 1960's, specifically regarding methods of disposal and discharge of solid and liquid wastes.

Request 3: Adverse health effects associated with working in uranium mills, living in mining and milling districts or in close proximity to uranium mill tailings, and living in houses in which uranium mill tailings were used in construction. These adverse health effects should include but not be limited to respiratory diseases, cancer, bir'h defects and genetic damage.

Request 4: The Church Rock spill of July, 1979. In addition to the information requested in the opening paragraph, please be sure to include all correspondence between the NRC and the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division and correspondence between the NRC and United Nuclear Corp., regarding the spill.

Request 5: The ability of the state of New Mexico to regulate the uranium industry. In addition to the information requested in the opening paragraph, please be sure to include NRC opinions, analysis and reports on this subject.

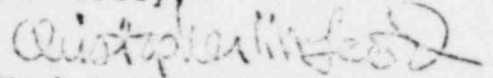
I hereby request a fee waiver for this information because I consider it as primarily benefitting the public interest.

If any part of this request is denied, please inform me of your appeal procedures. I will consider my request denied if I have no communication from you within 10 working days of receipt of this letter.

Please be put on notice that I consider this information clearly releasable under the Freedom of Information Act and that I consider your refusal to release the information to be arbitrary and capricious as defined in the Act.

Thank you for your prompt attention. If you have any questions regarding this request please contact Carolyn Marshall 415-524-7 545 or write the above address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher McLoed".

Christopher McLoed