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Source Material License Application, Docket No. 40-8745

Dear Mr. Martin:

On May 29, 1981, I telephoned John Linehan to inquire whether the Ogle Petroleum Inc. (OPI) license application had been approved. Mr. Linehan indicated that the license would be signed today or Monday, June 1, 1981. OPI appreciates the effort the NRC staff has made in getting our license written and approved. A check for payment of the \$59,500 fee was express mailed to Doug Weiss on May 27, 1981.

In recapping a discussion that you and I had in your office on May 14, 1981. OPI is currently planning on starting its commercial mining operation the first part of July, 1981. Prior to the startup, there are, of course, a number of items that have to be resolved such as the quality assurance program for sampling, approval of the hydrologic report, etc. It is hoped that the NRC staff and the OPI staff will be able to work closely during the next thirty days to resolve these matters so that we can start production in July. In this regard. I am available to come to Washington at any time to discuss the pending issues. I am especially hopeful that Ms. Vandell will have time to review the pump test data prior to her departure from the NRC since she is most familiar with the Bison Basin hydrogeology.

Thank you very much for your effort in getting the OPI license issued.

Sincerely,

OGLE PETROLEUM INC.

Glenn J. Catchpole, Vice President

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