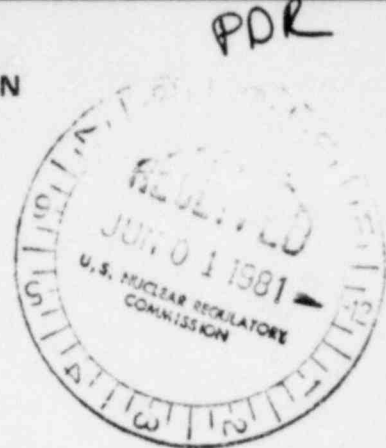




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MEMORANDUM FOR: Leo Higginbotham, Assistant Director
Division of Fuel Facilities and Materials Safety Inspection
Office of Inspection and Enforcement

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

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INSPECTION--ENERGY FUELS NUCLEAR, INC.,
WHITE MESA PROJECT, DOCKET NO. 40-8681

The Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch requests that I&E conduct a construction inspection (scheduled by license condition) of the White Mesa tailings impoundment. This inspection should be performed by June 18, 1981. Specifically, liner installation and final earthwork for Cell 1 Initial will be in progress at the time of the inspection. The construction of the White Mesa tailings retention system was authorized by License Amendment No. 1 dated October 12, 1979.

We previously developed a list of those specific items we feel should be reviewed during your inspections of this project and transmitted it to you by letter dated March 31, 1980. Also included with that letter were copies of the license and previous inspection reports.

We request that you contact us as soon as possible as to an acceptable date for this inspection so that we may make arrangements with other personnel involved.

Should you have any questions concerning this request or if we can be of any assistance in this matter, please contact Mr. Dan Martin of my staff at Ext. 74115.

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