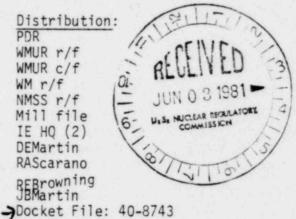
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Dr. John D. Nelson, Professor Geotechnical Engineering/Civil Engineering Department Colorado State University Fort Collins, Colorado 80523

Dear Dr. Nelson:



Enclosed is a copy of Conoco's responses to the first round comments on the Sand Rock project with the cover letter dated May 12, 1981, from T. Quigley of Conoc, Inc. to Tom Fleming, U.S. NRC. Also enclosed for your direct reference is a copy of the first round comments sent to Conoco in the April 13, 1981 letter from Dan Martin to T. Quigley.

As discussed via phone between S. Abt, CSU and Tom Fleming of my staff, we request that you provide early, advance submittals of all or any portion of your draft report for our review and comment. This procedure will help assure that the complete draft report to be submitted by June 15, 1981, will be thorough and of high quality.

Should you have any questions on these matters, please contact Tom Fleming of my staff at (301) 427-4542.

> Sincerely, Original Signed by D. M. Gillen

P Dan E. Martin, Leader New Facilities Section Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch Division of Waste Management

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