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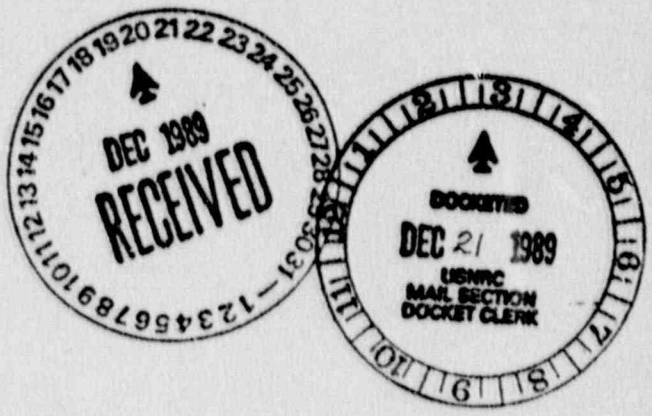


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December 20, 1989

Mr. Ramon E. Hall, Director
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
Uranium Recovery Field Office
Box 25325
Denver, CO 80225



Re: Umetco Minerals Corporation
SUA-1358 Docket No. 40-8681
White Mesa Mill, P. O. Box 669
Blanding, UT 84511

Dear Mr. Hall:

The following is a license amendment request to allow the stabilization of the plastic liner in Cell 4A for the prevention of wind or storm damage while the technical details of tailings hydrology are finalized. Enclosed is a check for \$150.00.

Cell 4A will be used under the following conditions:

1. No tailings solids will be placed in Cell 4A under this amendment. Only process solutions will be placed in Cell 4A.
2. The leak detection system in Cell 4A is fully operational and will be monitored weekly for the presence of liquids.
3. The discharge rate of solutions into Cell 4A will not exceed 750,000 gallons per day for a maximum of 60 days.
4. Umetco will cease discharge of solutions to Cell 4A if requested by the NRC. If adverse effects are encountered, Umetco will remove all solutions from Cell 4A if required to repair potential liner defects.

If we can answer any questions that you may have, please feel free to contact us.

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Sincerely yours,

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