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Docket No. 40-3453
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Atlas Corporation
Republic Plaza
370 Seventeenth Street, Suite 3150
Denver, Colorado 80202

Gentlemen:

Our office is in receipt of your December 27, 1989, corrective action program review. Based upon this correspondence, it appears that a corrective action plan has not yet been implemented. A review of your License Condition No. 17(C) indicates that Atlas Corporation shall have the program "fully operational as soon as practicable, but in no event later than July 1, 1990;" therefore, even though you are currently in compliance with provisions stated in your license, you are reminded of the July 1, 1990 deadline.

We are pleased to see that the enhanced evaporation system is losing additional tailings solution to the atmosphere. This is a proven method of economically disposing of tailings liquor, while concentrating the hazardous constituents within the tailings basin. We look forward to the construction and operation of the dewatering pilot project. This system as well as the operation of the enhanced evaporation system will be review topics in our next routine inspection.

Should you have any questions on the regulatory obligations of the construction and implementation of your corrective action program, please contact Gary Konwinski of my staff.

Sincerely,

Ramon E. Hall
Director

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