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Dear Mr. Scarano:

Re: Source Material License No. SUA-1199
Docket No. 040-8200

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Per my cover letter dated April 29, 1981, ten copies of the "North Rolling Pin In Situ Uranium Mining Test Groundwater Restoration Report" were submitted to you for review. Per recent telecommunications with Mr. Pohle, I understand that this report will possibly not be reviewed until August or September. The purpose of this letter is to request an earlier review of the restoration report.

When Mr. Rothfleisch and Mr. Eadie of your staff met with Cleveland-Cliffs on May 9, 1980 to discuss the 1980 final restoration program, a mutual agreement was expressed to have the North Rolling Pin Site restored and to "close the books" on the project as soon as possible. Cleveland-Cliffs reflected this mutual understanding in the final restoration and reclamation program contained in my letter to you dated May 29, 1980. Your letter dated July 7, 1980 to Mr. Hollister, Group Vice President of Cleveland-Cliffs, further demonstrated the NRC desire to terminate the North Rolling Pin project in an expeditious manner, as follows:

However, in order to ensure satisfactory completion of site decommissioning in a timely manner, the final site restoration activities shall be completed no later than May 31, 1982.

Therefore, in accordance with your application dated May 29, 1980, and pursuant to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 40, Source Material License No. 1199 is hereby amended with the following condition:

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10. The proposed three-phase site final restoration program as stated in the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company's May 29, 1980 submittal shall be implemented as soon as feasible and shall be completed no later than May 31, 1982.

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All other conditions of the license shall remain the same.

The effect of this amendment is to authorize the final restoration and reclamation plans which, when successfully completed, will permit the termination of Source Material License No. 199.

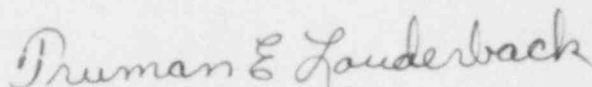
In accordance with our previous agreements, Cleveland-Cliffs has successfully completed the final restoration "as soon as feasible" and "in a timely manner." However, before proceeding with radiation surveys to ascertain site decontamination, prior to release for unrestricted use and prior to well cementing and surface reclamation and revegetation, it is necessary to receive your review and approval of the final groundwater restoration that was conducted.

We have been planning to decontaminate the site and to do the well cementing and surface reclamation this summer while the weather permits field work. The optimum time for seed germination is during the fall, and we have been planning to conduct the reseeded in October 1981.

If we do not receive report review in a timely manner, it may not be possible to complete the restoration and reclamation activities by May 31, 1982 as amended. Cleveland-Cliffs therefore requests an expedient review of the restoration report. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

THE CLEVELAND-CLIFFS IRON COMPANY



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