

APPENDIX A
U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION IV
URANIUM RECOVERY FIELD OFFICE

NRC Inspection Report: 40-8907/90-02
Docket No. 40-8907

License: SUA-1475

Licensee: UNC Mining and Milling
Division of United Nuclear Corporation
P.O. Drawer QQ
Gallup, New Mexico 87301

Facility: Church Rock Mill

Inspection Conducted: March 20-21, 1990

Inspectors:

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Inspection Summary

Inspection conducted on March 20-21, 1990, Report No. 40-8907/90-02.

Area Inspected: Special inspection reviewing the records of the interim cover construction activities.

The inspection involved a total of 17 inspector hours onsite by three inspectors.

Results: Within the areas inspected, no violations, deviations, or open items were identified.

DETAILS1. Persons Contacted

*Chuck Johnson, General Manager, UNC Mining and Milling
*Juan Velasquez, President, UNC Mining and Milling
Michael Timmer, Project Supervisor, Canonic Environmental Services Corporation

*Denotes those present at the exit interview.

2. Licensee Action on Previous Inspection Findings

There were no violations or deviations identified during the previous inspection conducted on August 28, 1989.

3. Radioactive Waste Management

The inspectors toured the tailings impoundment and were advised by the licensee that an interim cover consisting of approximately 1 foot of soil has been placed on the north tailings cell. A similar cover is currently being placed on the central cell. The licensee stated that except for adjacent lands owned by the Navajo Indians, all areas having windblown tailings have been cleaned to levels specified in Criterion 6 of Appendix A to 10 CFR 40, and the contaminated soils have been placed in the tailings impoundment. Cleaned areas have been seeded and covered with a straw mulch. It was also noted that the enhanced evaporation system is operating.

The interim cover being placed will eventually become part of the final reclamation cover. Therefore, it must be constructed in accordance with certain specifications. The 1989 Construction Report for the North Cell dated January 1990, was reviewed for conformance with the proposed reclamation plan specifications. The records for the period reviewed were complete and substantiated that the construction specifications had been met. Several suggestions were provided which would facilitate the review process. The licensee intends to provide a similar construction report for 1990.

No violations or deviations were identified by the inspectors.

4. Exit Interview

The inspectors conducted an exit briefing with licensee personnel denoted in paragraph 1 at the conclusion of the inspection on March 21, 1990. The inspectors summarized the purpose, scope, and findings of the inspection. The licensee did not identify as proprietary any of the information provided to or reviewed by the inspectors during this inspection.

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