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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Mr. Tom Fleming
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RE: WILDLIFE USAGE OF TAILINGS IMPOUNDMENT -- SUA-1371,
DOCKET NO. 40-8698

Dear Mr. Fleming:

On June 22, 1982 I sent a copy of a letter from Plateau Resources Limited to the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources in which a wildlife monitoring plan was proposed for the Shootaring Canyon Uranium Processing Facility's impoundment. The plan was submitted to them in accordance with the requirements of subsection 6.5.1. of NUREG-0583. We received their response today, and I have enclosed a copy of it for your files.

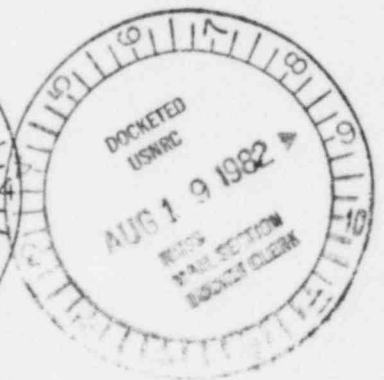
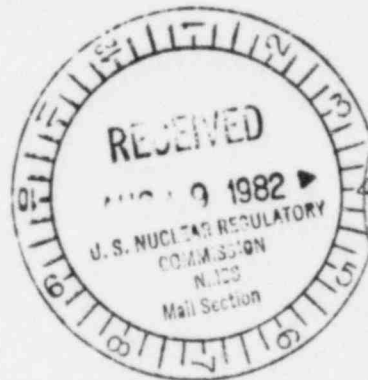
Sincerely,

Fred W. Gerdeman

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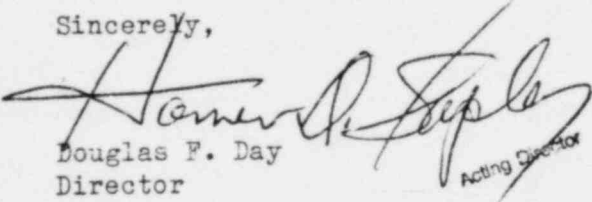
Mr. Fred W. Gerdeman
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772 Horizon Drive
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Dear Mr. Gerdeman:

In response to your letter of June 22, 1982 and the monitoring plan proposed by Plateau Resources at their Shootering Canyon uranium processing facility, the following comments are offered.

There is no need for counts of wildlife use at tailing impoundments. As you know such counts must be conducted at the appropriate time of day. the area of concern is radionuclide contamination of resident wildlife, since their life requisites (food, water, cover and space) are all provided in the immediate area of the facility. It is recommended that annually and over a period of many years that samples of fauna and biota be taken for determination of radionuclide build up. It is our understanding that such sampling is required of Plateau Resources.

Sincerely,


Douglas F. Day
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