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 From: Natver Patel, RSO *[Signature]*
 RE: Samples sent to commercial laboratories containing byproduct material.

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The Uranium Field Recovery Field Office (URFO) in Denver sent a letter dated October 05, 1993 to all licensees, including ARCO, that some of the commercial laboratories that test mill tailings to characterize radioactive and physical properties may not have a license to receive and handle byproduct material. Paragraph 40.51 of 10 CFR Part 40 prohibits transfer of source or byproduct material to another person or facility unless they hold a valid license and the requirement applies to small quantity of tailings that would be sent to laboratory for testing.

On October 07, 1993, I called Mr. Pete Garcia of URFO and asked if this applies to samples such as soil samples for Radiological analyses during reclamation and environmental samples such as water, vegetation and air particulate. After review, Mr. Garcia called me back and informed me that this only applies to tailings samples sent for tests such as consolidation, radon emanation etc. He indicated the requirement does not apply to environmental and reclamation soil samples.

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