

WM-58
PDR
(Return to WM, 623-SS)

DEC 30 1982

Distribution: WM-82-797

WM Project File WM-58

PDR

WMLL r/f

NMSS r/f

SEPantell

KJHamill

EFHawkins

RAScarano

REBrowning

WMLL:KJH
WM-58

Mr. James A. Morley
Project Manager
UMTRAP Project Office
U.S. Department of Energy
Albuquerque Operations Office
P. O. Box 5400
Albuquerque, NM 87115

Dear Mr. Morley:

This is in response to your December 3, 1982 request for comments on the final draft Remedial Action Concept Paper (RACP) for the Shiprock inactive uranium mill tailings site. The revised RACP appears to adequately address those NRC staff comments previously transmitted to the Project Office by letter dated September 20, 1982. However, several additional revisions, most of which relate to the recent issuance of the final EPA Standards, are considered appropriate. It is recommended that all references to the proposed and interim EPA Standards be deleted and replaced with references to and discussion of the final EPA Standards issued on December 15, 1982. Such references are contained on pgs. 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 11 of the RACP.

In addition, given that as stated on pg. 1 of the RACP the Cooperative Agreement between DOE and the Navajo Nation has not yet been formalized, it is recommended that the references to this agreement on pg. 16 be cast in terms of "provisions of the draft cooperative agreement".

Finally, it is our understanding that in view of recent action it would be appropriate to revise the statement in Section 9.5 (pg.17) to indicate that DOE has recently selected Morrison-Knudsen as the remedial action contractor (RAC) to provide architect-engineer and construction management services.

8301180440 821230
PDR WASTE
WM-58 PDR

Mr. James A. Morley

- 2 -

DEC 30 1982

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Kathleen Hamill of my staff.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

R. A. Scarano

Ross A. Scarano, Chief
Low-Level Waste Licensing Branch
Division of Waste Management

58/mab/82/12/29/0

DFC	:WMLL	<i>EP</i> :WMLL	:WMLL <i>EPH</i>	:WMLL <i>M</i>	:	:	:
NAME	:SEPantell	:mb:KJHamill <i>KJH</i>	:EFHawkins	:RAScarano	:	:	:
DATE	:12/29/82	:12/29/82	:12/29/82	:12/30/82	:	:	: