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Docket 40-8968

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Irma Julian  
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Dear Ms. Julian:

Thank you for your telephone call regarding the environmental impact statement (EIS) for Hydro Resources, Inc's. uranium solution mining project in the Church Rock and Crownpoint area. As you know, the NRC has been working with the BLM and BIA to prepare the draft EIS for public comment. We hoped to have the draft finished some months ago. However, the project was put aside while the applicant was involved in issues related to other permit requirements for the project.

At this time, we are in the final phase of preparing the draft EIS, and envision releasing it to the public approximately April 1, 1994. In light of the public comment periods, and time required to revise the draft, the earliest date the final EIS would be completed, and the mining license and leases issued by the Federal government, is September 1, 1994. Unforeseen difficulties in the future review process, and the potential for public hearings, could further delay the licensing and leasing decision.

We appreciate the interest expressed by you and other allottees in this project. If you require any additional information, please call Mr. Joel Grimm at (303) 231-5800.

Sincerely,

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Director

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