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Attn: Mr. Tom Fleming

RE: TEMPORARY SHUT-DOWN OF SHOOTARING CANYON URANIUM PROCESSING FACILITY  
(SUA - 1371, DOCKET NO. 40-8698)

Dear Tom:

This letter confirms our conversation of August 20, 1982 and my earlier conversation with Mr. Dan Gillan on August 19, 1982 in which I informed you of the temporary suspension of production at the Shootaring Canyon Uranium Processing Facility. At present, Plateau plans to resume milling and return to normal mining levels in late 1984 in order to meet existing commitments for the delivery of concentrates in 1985. The processing facility will be maintained so operations can be resumed at that time.

The next several weeks will be spent in recovering the yellowcake that is presently in the system and in cleanup and maintenance work. After August 26, 1982, only a small crew will be employed at the processing facility during the suspension period. The Tony M mine will continue to ship ore to the processing facility until the storage limit in the source material license is reached.

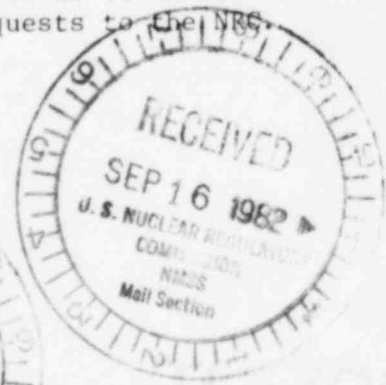
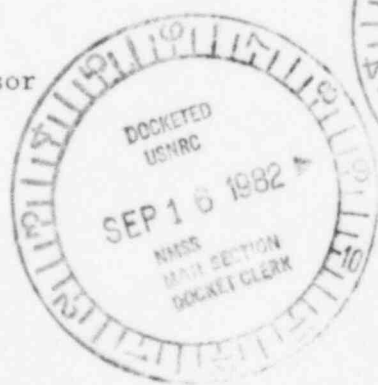
As I mentioned on the telephone, Plateau will make application the the NRC in the very near future to amend SUA - 1371 to reflect this change in operational status. It will take a few weeks for us to assess the effects of the change and submit the amendment requests to the NRC.

Sincerely,

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