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Conoco, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. Terrence W. Quigley
Environmental Engineer
555 Seventeenth Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Mr. Quigley:

This letter is in response to your September 7, 1982 letter to T. Fleming, which requests the suspension of radiological air particulate monitoring for Ra-226 at the ARC monitoring site.

The continued monitoring of Ra-226 was recommended by the NRC in a September 21, 1981 letter to T. Quigley, Conoco, from D. Martin, NRC. The purpose of this recommendation was to detect any changes in the radiological background that would be caused by mining and/or milling operations in the area. Because Conoco has committed in their above referenced letter to monitor radiological air particulates for at least six months prior to commencement of mine or mill construction to determine any changes in radiological background, the staff has no objection to your request.

Sincerely,

Harry J. Pettengill, Section Chief
Uranium Recovery Field Office

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