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Docket No. 40-8907
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Docket File No. 40-8907
FROM: Raymond O. Gonzales, Project Manager
SUBJECT: REVISION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO APPROVE THE RECLAMATION PLAN FOR THE UNC CHURCH ROCK MILL

In reviewing the reclamation plan proposed by the licensee for the Church Rock Mill, the NRC staff identified several areas where the proposed plan was not adequately supported by the information provided. However, the proposed plan was substantively acceptable, and on this basis the NRC concluded that the plan could be approved with exceptions.

To document the acceptability of the proposed plan, the enclosed Memorandum for Docket File No. 40-8907 whose subject is, "AMENDMENT NO. 10 TO SOURCE MATERIAL LICENSE SUA-1475 FOR RECLAMATION AND CLOSURE OF THE UNITED NUCLEAR CORPORATION (UNC) CHURCH ROCK MILL NEAR GALLUP, NEW MEXICO," was prepared. In that memorandum it was recommended that Source Material License SUA-1475 be amended to require the licensee to provide an adequate financial surety and additional information to justify the proposed plan. The licensee was requested to concur with the proposed license amendment; but they declined in a letter dated January 25, 1991. Based on that letter, the amendment was not issued.

Although the licensee did not agree to having its license amended as proposed, the memorandum prepared to document the staff's review of the reclamation plan remains valid. Therefore, the enclosed memorandum should be placed in Docket File No. 40-8907 with the understanding that the proposed Amendment No. 10 to Source Material License SUA-1475 was not issued for the purpose of approving the Church Rock reclamation plan. Instead, the next amendment to the license will be identified as Amendment No. 10.

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