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Docket 40-8968

U.S. Bureau of Land Management
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ATTN: David Sitzler
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Dear Mr. Sitzler:

The NRC has completed compiling the preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Crownpoint In-Situ Leach Uranium Project, McKinley County, New Mexico. Please find enclosed a copy of the DEIS, including information provided by your agency. For your convenience, the draft has been provided both in hard copy and on diskette, using WordPerfect 5.1 word-processing software. Before technical editing, publication, and issuance for public comment, we require that your agency review the draft, and provide its comments and/or concurrence.

The preliminary DEIS provided here includes an abstract, full text, references, and appendices related to your agency's input. You will also find all the tables and drafts of figures to be included in the final draft for public comment. Appendix D, the listing of proposed license conditions addressing environmental issues, and the initial summary are in preparation. All figures are in final preparation at NRC's graphics branch in Rockville, Maryland.

We require that your agency review the preliminary EIS for completeness and factual accuracy. If you have lengthy additions or revisions, please provide them on diskette to facilitate incorporation in the text. Brief changes and additions may be submitted via fax. Please provide your response within 20 days of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact NRC's project manager, Mr. Joel Grimm. He may be reached at (303) 231-5806; fax (303) 231-5825. Your attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ramon Hall
Director

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