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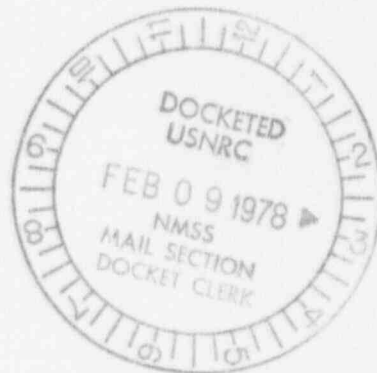
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IN RE: DEIS, Moab Uranium Mill  
Atlas Minerals Division  
NURE G-0341, 11/77



Dear Sir:

It has come to the attention of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Moab, Utah, that on or about January 17, 1978, F. A. Barnes, who represents himself as the Executive Director of "Interested in Saving Southern Utah's Environment" (ISSUE), wrote to you stating, in effect, that it would be for the best interest of this general area if the Atlas Mill, located near Moab, Utah were closed and the class of people working at the mill moved to some other locality. As the elected public officials in this community we do not feel that the statements contained in Mr. Barnes' letter should go unchallenged because that might be interpreted as a concurrence in Mr. Barnes' slanderous accusations and conclusions.

Without commenting on the technical aspects of the letter, which your agency is qualified to analyze and interpret, the undersigned elected representatives of this community want to take particular exception to paragraph 10.5.2 of Mr. Barnes' letter and to his conclusions in which he states as follows:

"10.5.2 There are many local citizens who would view the noted effects of the mill shut-down as quite positive and beneficial to the long-range health and welfare of the Moab community, especially the elimination of the eyesore plant adjacent to a major national park, and the "out migration" of the kind of people employed by Atlas Minerals. There would also be many other long-range benefits not noted in this DEIS, such as a lower burden upon local schools and law enforcement agencies, a lower incidence of juvenile delinquency with its inevitable property damage and community controversy, and less public acrimony between Atlas-promoted miners groups and local federal land administration agencies. Does the referenced "computer program" consider all of these positive aspects of an Atlas mill shut down? If not, it should

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if there was ever any original intent toward objectivity."

"4. This organization therefore recommends the permanent "no relicensing" alternative discussed in 10.5 for the following major reasons:

(a) The mill and the prospectors and miners who supply its ore, have a 20-year history of non-concern for the environment and public health.

(b) Recent and current events demonstrate a continuing lack of concern for these factors on the part of Atlas Minerals management and its ore suppliers."

It is the considered opinion of the undersigned that the loss of the Atlas mill and the "out migration" of the kind of people employed by the Atlas mill would be a severe blow, not only to the economy of this community but to its general well-being. Contrary to Mr. Barnes' opinion, it is the conviction of the City Administration that the people employed by Atlas Minerals have contributed and continue to contribute to the stability, good health, welfare and good moral fiber of this community.

We believe that the children of the employees of the Atlas mill contribute no more to juvenile delinquency and property damage than the children of other good citizens residing in this community. We feel that Mr. Barnes' unsupported conclusions that "the mill and prospectors and miners who supply its ore have a 20 year history of non-concern for the environment and the public health" are false, abrogational and slanderous, and do not represent the feelings and belief of the elected representatives of Moab City or of the majority of the people in this community.

Respectfully submitted,  
CITY OF MOAB

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