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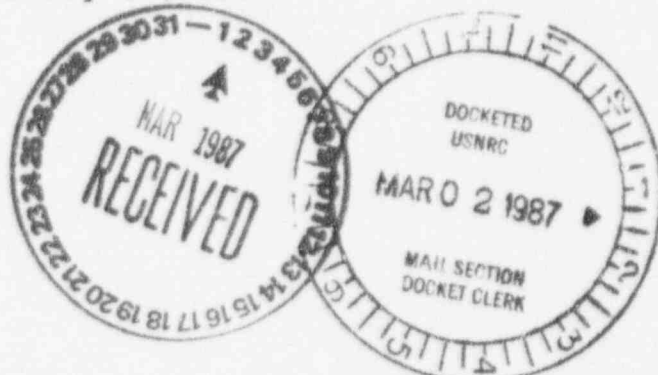


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Mr. Harry Pettengill
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Pettengill,

Attached are the Effluent and Semi Annual ALARA Audit Reports combined for the period July thru December, 1986.

The stack sampling data for the 4th quarter 1986 will be submitted at a later date as we are awaiting results from the vendor laboratory.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

S. L. Schierman

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Radiation Protection Officer

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Copy to ---	Messrs. J. F. Frost B. G. Kilgore E. W. Shortridge	Subject	White Mesa Mill Semiannual ALARA Audit February 17-19, 1987

Dear Don:

The attached report is a summary of the findings from the scheduled semiannual ALARA audit of the Radiation Safety and Environmental Source Material License program at White Mesa. A review was conducted of monitoring, recordkeeping and management practices which have occurred during the second half of 1986 in conformance with license conditions in the current Source Material License and the White Mesa Mill's operating procedures.

Control of personnel exposures and environmental impacts to as low as is reasonably achievable is being accomplished by the operational practices observed at the facility. Operational management has consistently placed emphasis on employee exposure control as is evident by the engineering and management modifications made during 1986 to reduce and control exposures. Evaluations have indicated that the monitoring and management control program is maintaining the goal of minimizing personnel exposures to a reasonable and consistent level. The elevated levels observed following start-up of the facility have been reduced through engineering modifications where practicable and by means of management direction. The site employees have developed good work habits and recognition of radiation safety practices to minimize exposures.

The areas determined by this audit procedure that are recommended for remediation dealt with documentation control and with streamlining improvements in procedures. Some of these items were observed at the previous audit, remain unrectified at this time, and are potential license noncompliance concerns. As was previously requested at the last audit, a written action plan to resolve the concerns addressed herein is requested from the facility management. If you have any questions regarding the audit evaluation, please contact Mr. Kilgore or me.

Very truly yours,

Roger K. Jones
Environmental Coordinator

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