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To Those on Attached Addressee List

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COPY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WHICH IS IN PREPARATION ON THE ATLAS CORPORATION'S PROPOSED ONSITE RECLAMATION PLAN FOR THE MOAB, UTAH URANIUM MILL

Dear Sir or Madam:

Over the past several months, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has received many requests for a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), which is in preparation on the Atlas Corporation's (Atlas') onsite reclamation plan for the Moab, Utah uranium mill. The schedule for publication of the DEIS has changed over time. At present, we plan to publish the DEIS for comment on the same schedule as that for the Technical Evaluation Report (TER). The TER provides documentation for compliance of the reclamation plan with the Criteria in Appendix A to 10 CFR Part 40. The DEIS contains references to the TER for discussion of technical details which support the environmental evaluation. Providing the two documents for comment on the same schedule will supply the maximum amount of information for a thorough review.

We expect the assessments to be published and available for comment by the end of the summer of 1995. The extended schedule is necessary to acquire additional data which has been requested of Atlas. This information is in the form of additional Colorado River sediment and water analyses, a more in-depth analysis for effects of potential seismic events, a determination of the capability of the Moab fault which may underlie the disposal site, and an assessment of the potential of the Colorado River to encroach on the disposal site through normal river erosion. Atlas is still in the process of developing the requested data.

This is an interim report on the status of the project. You will receive copies of the DEIS and draft TER for comment when they are published. Any comments or questions should be addressed to me at (301) 415-6693.

Sincerely,

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