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**Re: License No. SUA-917 / Docket No. 40-3453**  
**Response to NRC's November 04, 1994 Request for Information**  
**Effects of Oil Extraction and Future Solution Mining**

Dear Mr. Holonich:

Transmitted herewith is Atlas Corporation's (Atlas) response to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) request for information on the effects of oil extraction and future solution mining, dated November 04, 1994. These reports were prepared by Robert R. Norman, C.P.G. Please note that the responses to each issue of concern are provided in separate documents.

The overall results of this work indicate that economic potash and oil and gas resources do not exist in the vicinity of the Atlas site, and it is unlikely that these resources will be targeted for development in the future. If drilling for these resources does occur in the future, the State of Utah has specific regulations and guidelines for drilling and solution mining in salt formations to insure that the concerns raised by NRC and other concerns will not become a problem.

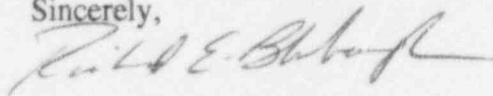
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We trust that the responses to the comments adequately address the issues of concern. If you have any questions concerning this submittal, please contact me at (303) 825-1200.

Sincerely,



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