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SUBJECT:

REVIEW OF DURANGO PDEIS AND

SHIPROCK EA

We have received the Durango PDEIS and the Shiprock DEA. We have been asked to review the Shiprock document on a priority basis and the Durango document by the 1st of February.

In reviewing 'he Shiprock, DEA, we will need assistance from your branch on sections dealing with general tailings pile design, and long-term stability analysis. We will need your draft comments by January 6 and final comments one week later. The Geotechnical Branch has been asked to review the information on the Maximum Credible Earthquake and to provide your branch with the ground accelerations associated with that earthquake.

For the Durango PDEIS we will need a similar review with final comments by January 17. However, if you cannot meet this date, we may be able to get an extension from DOE if we are notified in advance. The casework number for work on Durango is 3300048010E the PPSAS number is 53273 and the WM file number is WM-48. The documents to be reviewed and background information for this site are available from Roger Pennifill.

WMLU is currently developing guidance on the appropriate level of review for the NEPA documents. There has been some confusion on what information should be included in the NEPA documentation and what should be in the Remedial Action Plan (design documents). For this reason, whoever is to do the review should coordinate closely with Mr. Pennifill to determine the appropriate scope of the review.

Thank you for your assistance.

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