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U.S. NRC
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear MR. HOLONICH:

For many years now, I've been following the situation between the NRC and Atlas company.

From what I've been able to determine, it seems to me that it would really be a waste of money to move the tailings pile to another place.

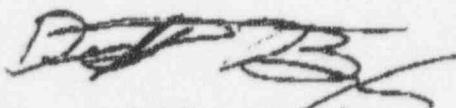
First of all, I ask myself, "what would be accomplished?" I mean, we would have two radioactive places instead of the one we have now. It seems to me that you would be spending at least twice as much trying to make a new disposal place, and cleaning up the old place.

From what I've read and heard, moving the tailings would mean a whole lot of big equipment, like some kind of a system to get the liquids out of the tailings so they could be moved. Then you would need a lot of trucks to haul the loads carrying either the tailings or the rock to cover them.

I think Atlas has the right idea. Let them spend their money capping the tailings right where they are. I believe them when they say they can make the place safe.

Heck, I've lived here and raised a family, and we're all healthy.

Thank you,



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