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Atlas Minerals Division of Atlas Corporation ATIN: Richard E. Blubaugh, Regulatory Affairs Manager 743 Horizon Court Grand Junction, Colorado 81506

Dear Mr. Blubaugh:

This is in response to your letter to me dated December 9, 1987.

We have completed our review of your revised Letter of Credit, No. 119907 dated December 3, 1987, drawn on the Bank of America in the amount of \$6,000,000.00 in response to my letter to Atlas of November 17, 1987. Please be advised that we have found that this surety is acceptable and responsive to the requirements of Paragraph F of the July 31, 1987 Order. We have also completed our preliminary review of your facility decommissioning plan dated November 27, 1987, submitted in response to Paragraph D of the Order.

As requested in your December 9 letter, your license renewal application will be reconsidered based on the existing application and the recently submitted additional documentation.

At the completion of that review and concurrent with the staff's issuance of the renewal license, the July 31, 1987 Order will be withdrawn.

As discussed in a December 18, 1987, telephone conversation between you and Mr. Pettengill of my staff, the NRC will further evaluate the facility decommissioning plan after our reconsideration of your renewal application.

Sincerely,

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Robert D. Martin Regional Administrator

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## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

## BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

In the Matter of

Docket No. 40-3453 ASLBP No. 87-557-05 SP

ATLAS MINERALS DIVISION OF ATLAS CORPORATION

Source Material License No. SUA-917

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of "STATUS REPORT OF THE PARTIES" in the above-captioned proceeding have been served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, first class, or, as indicated by an asterisk, by deposit in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's internal mail system, this 7th day of January 1988.

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