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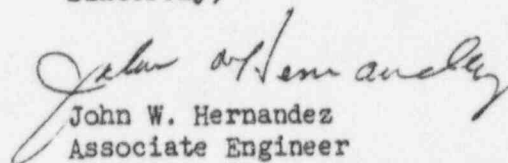
Dear Dr. Walker:

Considerable interest has been shown as a result of the accidental tailings pond spill at the Kerr-McGee Uranium Mill, at Shiprock, New Mexico. It is my understanding that your office made a survey of the wastes discharged and that this report would be distributed upon completion. As our office was not notified until some days after the spill, no on-the-site investigation was made by our staff.

It is requested that copies of this report be sent to our office as soon as possible so that we will be in a position to make necessary recommendations to the mill operators to prevent a subsequent discharge similar to the one which took place in August.

Your efforts in this regard will be appreciated.

Sincerely,


John W. Hernandez
Associate Engineer
Environmental Sanitation Services

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