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THRU: Tom Buhl, Bureau Chief, RPB

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DATE: February 27, 1984

SUBJECT: Reclamation Activities for the Johnny M. Mine Site

The Uranium Licensing Section (ULS) is in the process of evaluating reclamation efforts for the Johnny M. Mine Site. Reclamation is required prior to termination of the Radioactive Materials License which has been requested by the licensee, Ranchers Exploration and Development Corporation. Documentation on this project to date, indicates that discrepancies exist in the interpretation and evaluation of reclamation activities for this Site. This has most likely resulted, in part, from the involvement of several different Bureau personnel with the project and a lack of continuity in overseeing the project to its conclusion. However, the Radiation Protection Bureau, and also the EID, has the responsibility to ensure that evaluation of the reclamation project has been conducted on a technically sound and correct basis from available information, and that these evaluations can be substantiated.

I am requesting that the Environmental Assessment and Surveillance Section review the survey of the Johnny M. Mine Site and provide its recommendations to the ULS. Attached is a memorandum from Sam Simpson (dated January 3, 1983) that provides background on the reclamation activities conducted at the site by the licensee, and evaluations of the project by Bureau staff. Also attached is a copy of the termination report submitted by the licensee dated August 23, 1983. The final attachment is a memorandum (dated September 30, 1983) which details observations I made during a resurvey of the Site of September 14, 1983. Staff of the ULS will provide you with any further information or assistance you may require on this project.

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The Radioactive Materials License has been extended to March 31, 1984. Therefore, a timely response is requested to determine if the license is to be terminated on this date, or whether another extension may be required. A tentative date of March 15 would be satisfactory to the ULS staff.

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cc: Sam Simpson