

APPENDIX B
NOTICE OF DEVIATION

Umetco Minerals Corporation
White Mesa Mill
Blanding, Utah

Docket No.: 40-8681
License No.: SUA-1358

During an NRC inspection conducted on October 4, 1985, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in conformance with accepted industrial standards. Based on the results of the inspection and in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1985), the following deviation was identified:

Quality assurance by nondestructive inspection methods is recommended to test penetrations and modifications to large tanks that hold corrosive liquids built according to specifications in API/ANSI Standard 650, Section 6 prior to placing such tanks back into service.

Contrary to this industrial standard, quality assurance by nondestructive inspection methods had not been performed on the welds made during the modification of the leach tanks, to verify their integrity prior to re-use.

Umetco Minerals Corporation is hereby requested to submit to this office, within 30 days of the date of this Notice of Deviation, a written statement or explanation in reply, including:

- (1) the reason for the deviations if admitted;
- (2) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved;
- (3) the corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further deviations; and
- (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at NRC, Region IV, Uranium Recovery Field Office this 29/1 day of January, 1986.

/s/

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