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DURANGO, COLORADO

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Mr. Robert Lowenstein Acting Director Division of Licensing and Regulation U. S. Atomic Energy Commission Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lowenstein:

Your letter of June 29, 1961, regarding our Durango, Colorado plant and the recent visit of Mr. Richard E Cunningham has been received.

Regarding Item 1 in your second paragraph, starting Monday, July 10th, we will limit occupancy of personnel in the ore sampling area to 24 hours per week in accordance with Mr. Cunningham's recommendation.

In reply to Item 2 of the same paragraph, we have made application for permission to use a respirator factor in a letter addressed to Mr. H. L. Price dated June 27, 1961.

In regard to Item 3 of the same paragraph, we are in process of blocking leaks at certain transfer points and providing catches under conveyor belts in the crushing and grinding circuit to prevent spillage of uranium ore.

Regarding Item 4 of the same paragraph, we are now completing the piping from the roasters to the new scrubber and are in process of acid proofing the scrubber tank. The change-over from our old scrubber to our

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new scrubber will be made in a matter of 7 to 10 days.

On Mr. Cunningham's visit to Durango he requested data to correlate the alpha count to chemical analysis by our methods. We have written a letter to Mr. H. L. Price dated June 27, 1961, on this subject.

Very truly yours,

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