

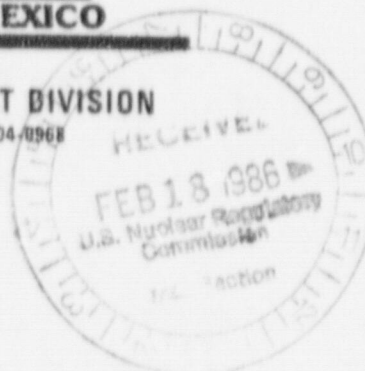
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Dear Mr. Velasquez:

UNC submitted a "conceptual plan" for stabilization of the Church Rock tailings facility over one year ago. With the exception of correspondence between Chuck Johnson of UNC and Terry Morgan of this Bureau on the single issue of the Probable Maximum Flood determination, the EID has received no correspondence on the plan since July 31, 1985. EID letters to UNC dated April 23 and August 28, 1985 and a legal memorandum sent to UNC in December 1985, explain the EID's position on the applicability of federal standards for the stabilization of the tailings. The EID therefore has no choice but to enforce the federal standards, and hereby requests that UNC indicate, within 20 days of the date of this letter, a date by which a stabilization plan that makes a good-faith effort to address the federal standards and our other concerns (as expressed in the above-referenced letters) will be submitted for EID review.

We look forward to your timely response, and hope that the EID and UNC can continue to work together toward a mutually-acceptable reclamation plan for the Church Rock site.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Brown

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