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November 14, 1979

Mr. Cubia Clayton  
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Subject: NECR TAILINGS IMPOUNDMENT

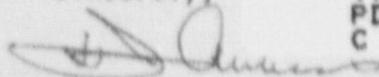
Dear Mr. Clayton:

To ensure compliance with NMEID letter dated October 23, 1979 and October 31, 1979, and the NRC Order dated October 26, 1979, the following documents are forwarded for the week of operations November 4th through November 10th, 1979.

1. Sergeant, Hauskins & Beckwith weekly report to the New Mexico State Engineer.
2. Summary sheet of the freeboard levels in the northern and southern cells and the borrow pit area.
3. Analysis of water samples from monitoring wells 201 and 202.
4. Daily inspection sheets for starter dam, north and south cross dikes.
5. Evaporation and precipitation record.
6. Response to your letter to Mr. D. D. Turberville dated October 31, 1979.

Cleanup operations in the arroyo and the Rio Puerco are continuing. Should you find it necessary to discuss item 6 at greater length, UNC Mining and Milling personnel will be pleased to meet with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,



9712100181 791114  
PDR ADOCK 04008907  
C PDR

H. J. Abbiss, P.E.  
Vice President  
Environmental and Safety Services

Copy: Mr. Ross Scarano, NRC  
Dr. John Nelson



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November 14, 1979

State of New Mexico  
Natural Resources Department  
Water Resources Division  
Bataan Memorial Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

SHB Job No. E79-1096

Attention: Mr. S. E. Reynolds  
State Engineer

Re: Church Rock Tailings Dam  
Church Rock, New Mexico

*Handwritten note:*  
ECSERG  
ESG NM  
K+ DOC ENU UAC

Gentlemen:

Transmitted herewith are (1) liquid surface elevations of the north, central and southern cells as well as the borrow pit, (2) readings on the piezometers installed in the northern and southern cross dikes, (3) horizontal and vertical measurements on the survey monuments installed in the northern and southern cross dikes and the starter dam, and (4) readings on the Hall Hydrostatic Pressure Cell Piezometers (HPC-7's) installed on the downstream side of the existing starter dam. These data are for the week ending November 10, 1979.

Should any questions arise concerning the attached data, please do not hesitate to call.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sergent, Hauskins & Beckwith Engineers

By *Robert D. Booth*  
Robert D. Booth,



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POND LIQUID SURFACE ELEVATIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NORTH POND</u>	<u>CENTRAL POND</u>	<u>SOUTHERN POND</u>	<u>BORROW PIT</u>
09/06/79	6956.4	6954.4	6953.4	---
09/13/79	---	---	6953.1	---
09/20/79	6955.8	6954.0	6952.7	---
09/24/79	6955.6	6954.0	6952.7	---
10/01/79	6955.3	6953.7	6952.5	---
10/08/79	---	---	6952.2	---
10/11/79	6955.0	6954.6	6952.2	---
10/17/79	6954.6	6953.4	6951.9	---
10/21/79	6954.6	6953.1	6951.8	---
10/23/79	6954.6	6953.9	6951.3	---
10/24/79	6954.6	6953.5	6951.5	---
10/25/79	6954.7	6953.4	6951.4	---
10/26/79	6954.7	6953.8	6951.7	---
10/27/79	6954.6	6955.0	6951.6	---
10/28/79	6954.6	6954.0	6951.6	---
10/29/79	6954.6	6954.3	6951.6	---
10/30/79	6954.5	6954.4	6951.7	6939.2
10/31/79	6954.5	6954.8	6951.6	6939.6
11/01/79	6954.5	6954.7	6951.6	6939.9
11/02/79	6954.5	6955.2	6951.6	6940.5
11/03/79	6954.4	6955.5	6951.5	6940.7
11/04/79	6954.4	6955.6	6951.5	6941.9
11/05/79	6954.4	6955.9	6951.6	6942.6
11/06/79	6954.3	6956.8	6951.5	6942.1
11/07/79	6954.3	6956.1	6951.5	6942.5
11/08/79	6954.5	6956.3	6951.6	6943.3
11/09/79	6954.4	6956.3	6951.6	6943.6
11/10/79	6954.5	6956.3	6951.6	6943.6

*10 days*

*6959  
6940  
19*

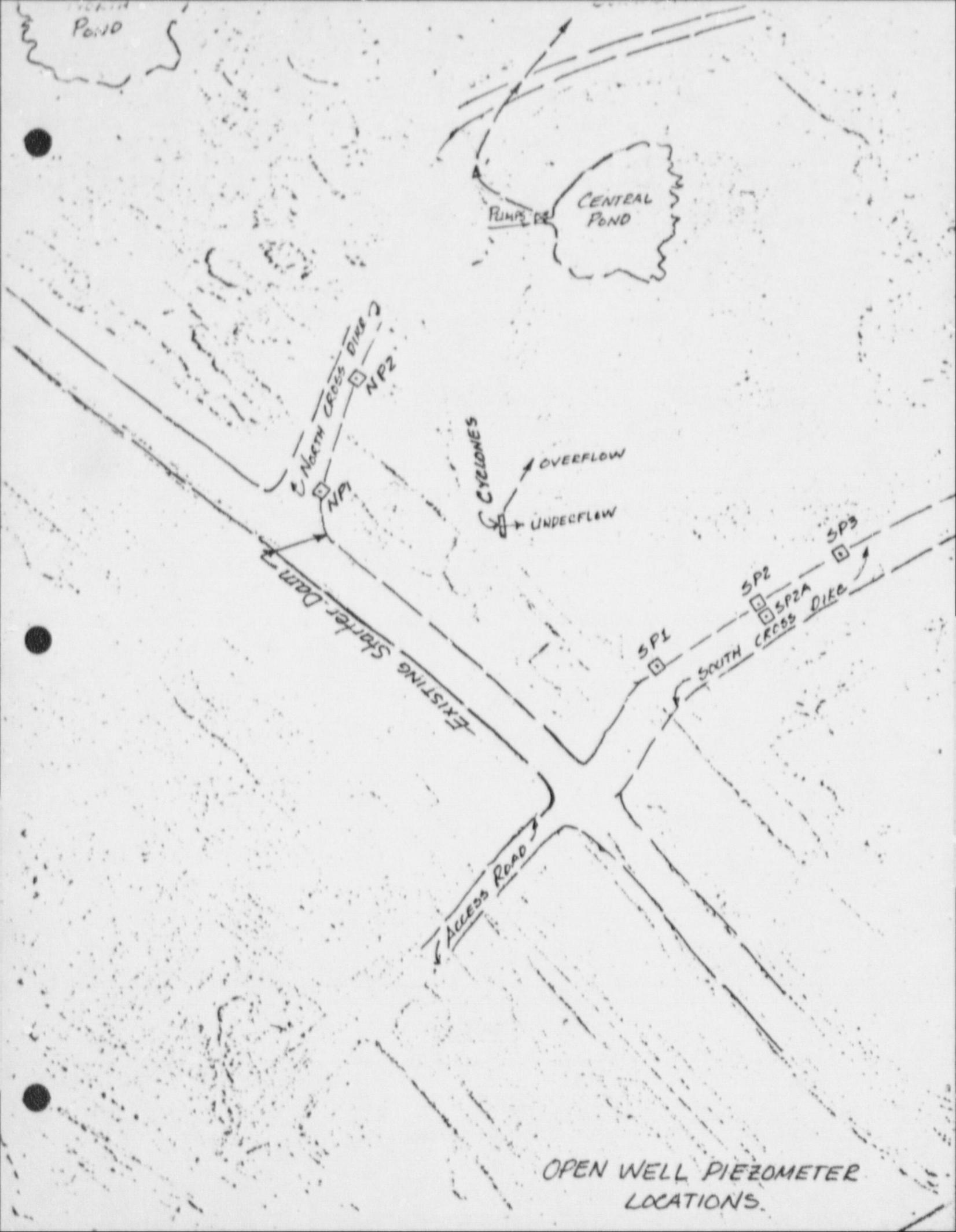
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*6979.2  
4.4*



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OPEN WELL PIEZOMETER  
LOCATIONS.

OPEN WELL PIEZOMETER READINGS  
PIEZOMETER READINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SP-1</u>	<u>SP-2</u>	<u>SP-2A</u>	<u>SP-3</u>	<u>NP-1</u>	<u>NP-2</u>
*11/05/79	12'5"	10'2"	11'2"	9'6"	13'5"	20'4"
**11/06/79	12'5"	10'2"	11'2"	9'6"	13'5"	20'4"
**11/07/79	6956.0	6956.7	6956.5	6957.0	6951.8	6947.8
**11/08/79	6956.0	6956.7	6956.5	6957.0	6951.8	6947.8
**11/09/79	6956.0	6956.7	6956.5	6957.0	6951.8	6947.8
**11/10/79	6956.0	6956.7	6956.5	6957.0	6951.8	6947.8

\* Depth of liquid from ground surface  
\*\* Elevation of liquid surface



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November 13, 1979

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ATTN: Robert G. Patterson

Gentlemen:

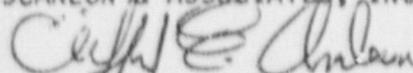
Enclosed herein are the most recent results of the monitoring survey for the tailings dam at United Nuclear Corporation's Church Rock Mill site. This data contains results from monitoring run number 6. The tabulated data provides slope distance and vertical measurements to 29 monitoring stations placed on the existing tailings dam and cross dikes. Distances are taken from five primary control monuments in the dam vicinity. Section A of this report contains a tabulation of slope distances measured by field survey, Section B contains a tabulation of relative distance change from the base reference at run number 2, and Section C contains a tabulation of elevation data.

Elevations contained herein are based on spirit level measurements from known bench marks. Accuracy of elevations is plus or minus three hundredths ( $\pm 0.03$ ) of a foot. Distances shown herein are taken from electronic distance meter measurements. Run numbers 1 and 3 have distance accuracies of plus or minus four hundredths ( $\pm 0.04$ ) of a foot. All other runs have distance accuracies of plus or minus three hundredths ( $\pm 0.03$ ) of a foot.

The monitoring survey is set up to allow for periodic remeasurement of distance and elevation data. A remeasurement cycle can be completed in approximately three (3) days. We believe that the monitoring survey will be sufficient to measure any movement of the dam.

Sincerely,

SCANLON & ASSOCIATES, INC.

  
Clifford E. Anderson

New Mexico P.E. & L.S. #6472

cc: Sergent, Hauskins & Beckwith  
U.N.C. Church Rock Mill

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- △ Control Stations
- Bench Marks
- ⬡ Monitor Stations

UNC TAILINGS DAM  
CHURCH ROCK

Scale: 1"=525'  
11-11-70066

**SECTION A**

**Slope Distances**











**SECTION B**

**Relative Distance Change**











**SECTION C**

**Elevations**

MONITOR STATION ELEVATIONS

RUN NO.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
DATE	8-17-79	9-17-79	10-20-79	10-27-79	11-1-79	11-5-79	
MONITOR ID NUMBER	ELEVATION						
N1	6968.967	6968.973	6968.943	6968.950	6968.947	6968.943	
N2	69.260	69.266	69.230	69.240	69.230	6969.227	
N3	68.830	68.837	68.806	68.817	68.803	6968.800	
N4	67.960	67.964	*	67.940	67.930	6967.930	
N5	69.360	69.373	*	69.357	69.350	6969.350	
N6	69.370	69.380	*	69.359	69.347	6969.350	
N7	69.887	69.900	*	69.883	69.876	6969.877	
N8	68.990	69.000	*	68.980	68.977	6968.973	
N9	70.427	70.433	*	70.403	70.406	6970.403	
N10	69.047	69.060	*	69.023	69.026	6969.020	
N11	68.057	68.070	*	68.036	68.046	6968.047	
N12	67.630	67.637	*	67.603	67.610	6967.607	
N13	68.103	68.117	*	68.086	68.087	6968.083	
N14	68.580	68.580	*	68.39	68.550	6968.543	
N15	68.090	68.103	*	68.073	68.080	6968.080	
N16	68.910	68.927	*	68.896	68.907	6968.903	
ND1	69 68.217	68.201	68.146	68.160	68.146	6968.143	
ND2	69 68.413	68.401	68.336	68.350	68.356	6968.340	
ND3	72.886	72.911	72.860	72.873	72.880	6972.870	
SD1	69 68.580	68.563	68.493	68.500	68.490	6968.483	
SD2	69 69.960	69.926	69.866	69.870	69.867	6969.863	
SD3	69 69.160	69.116	68.976	68.986	68.980	6968.980	
SD4	69 67.913	67.823	67.693	67.709	67.693	6967.700	
SD5	6968.723	6968.710	6968.636	68.650	68.647	6968.650	
S8	6964.980	64.955	*	64.940	64.940	6964.940	
S9	6964.610	64.561	*	64.516	64.514	6964.510	
S10	6963.690	63.668	*	63.656	63.660	6963.660	
S11	6964.090	64.048	*	64.026	64.030	6964.033	
S12	6964.417	64.348	*	64.303	64.304	6964.293	
NORTH POND	*	*	6954.6	6954.66	6954.47	6954.33	
INDICATOR BOARD #1 NORTH POND			*	*	*	6954.37	
CENTER POND		*	6953.1	6953.71	6954.86	6955.80	
INDICATOR BOARD #1 CENTER POND			*	*	*	6955.9	
SOUTH POND		*	6951.8	6951.81	6951.65	6951.53	
INDICATOR BOARD #1 SOUTH POND				*		6951.1	
BORROW PIT	*	*	*	*	*	6942.12	
INDICATOR BOARD #1 - BORROW PIT				*	*	6942.15	

\* NO MEASUREMENT

LOCATION OF HALL HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE CELLS (HPC-7)

Piezometer Number

Location

PS-1	Not Yet Installed
PS-2	Not Yet Installed
PS-3	25' L of CL Sta. 13+00
PS-4	100' L of CL Sta. 13+00
PS-5	100' L of CL Sta. 19+00
PS-6	25' L of CL Sta. 19+00
PS-7	25' L of CL Sta. 24+50
PS-8	25' L of CL Sta. 30+50
PS-9	25' L of CL Sta. 39+00
PS-10	100' L of CL Sta. 45+00
PS-11	25' L of CL Sta. 45+00
PS-12	25' L of CL Sta. 50+00
PS-13	100' L of CL Sta. 56+60
PS-14	100' L of CL Sta. 56+60



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Piezometer Numbers	PS-1	PS-2	PS-3	PS-4	PS-5	PS-6	PS-7	PS-8	PS-9	PS-10	PS-11	PS-12	PS-13	PS-14
Serial Number	2251	2253	2247	2250	2254	2260	2261	2264	2268	2269	2270	2271	2279	2300
Gauge Reading			22	48	28	26	7	12	13	15	14	17	14	17
Indicated Pressure (PSI)			1.3	2.9	1.7	1.6	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.0
Δ P (PSI)			2.1	2.9	1.9	1.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.9
Actual Pressure (PSI)			0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
Pressure Cell Elevation (FT)			6927.5	6922.5	6923.6	6928.6	6929.0	6935.4	6947.6	6959.6	6962.6	6957.0	6962.0	6965.0
Piezometric Pressure (FT)			0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0.2
Piezometric Elevation (FT)			6927.5	6922.5	6923.6	6928.6	6929.0	6935.6	6947.6	6959.6	6962.6	6957.0	6962.0	6965.2

Indicated Pressure = Gauge Reading x 0.06

Piezometric Pressure = Actual Pressure x 2.307

Δ P - Taken from Calibration Graph

REMARKS:

TEMP 5°C

# FREE BOARD GAUGE RECORD

## DAILY SUMMARY

	SHIFT	SOUTH		CENTRAL		PIT	NORTH		SURVEILLANCE MAN
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
19									
Oct 26	1								
	2								
	3	52.8	52.5	<59.0	54.0	40.0	55.7	55.7	Benquiver
27	1	51.8	51.5	<59.0	54.8	<40.0	54.7	54.7	Romero
	2	52.7	52.6	<50.0	49.9	40.7	54.6	54.6	Lovato
	3	51.8	51.6	58.0	55.0	40.6	54.6	54.7	Benquiver
28	1	51.8	51.6	<58.0	54.3	40.6	54.6	54.7	Romero
	2	51.7	51.6	<50.0	54.0	40.5	54.6	54.6	Lova's
	3	51.7	51.5	<50.0	54.0	<40.5	54.6	54.7	Benquiver
29	1	51.7	51.5	<50.0	54.7	<40.5	54.6	54.7	Romero
	2	51.6	51.6	<59.0	54.3	<40.5	54.5	54.5	Lovato
	3	51.6	51.3	<59.0	54.7	40.5	54.6	54.6	Benquiver
30	1	51.7	51.3	<59.0	54.7	40.6	54.6	54.5	McLellan
	2	51.6	51.6	<59.0	46.5	<40.5	55.6	55.6	Lovato
	3	51.6	51.3	<59.0	55.0	<40.5	54.4	54.6	Benquiver
31	1	51.7	51.3	<59.0	55.2	<40.5	54.4	54.5	Benquiver
	2	50.6	50.6	<58.0	55.0	<40.5	54.5	54.5	Lovato
	3	51.6	51.3	<58.0	54.8	<40.5	54.5	54.5	Benquiver
Nov 1	1	51.5	51.3	<58.0	55.9	<40.5	54.5	54.5	McLellan
	2	51.6	51.6	<58.0	54.8	<40.5	54.5	54.5	Lovato
	3	51.6	51.6	<58.0	54.6	<40.5	54.5	54.5	Romero
2	1	51.6	51.6	<58.0	55.3	<40.5	54.4	54.5	McLellan
	2	51.5	51.5	<58.0	55.5	<40.6	54.3	54.5	Lovato
	3	51.5	51.5	<58.0	55.0	39.5	54.3	54.4	Romero
3	1	51.5	52.4	<58.0	55.8	40.7	54.3	54.4	McLellan
	2	51.6	51.2	<58.0	55.5	40.7	54.3	54.4	Benquiver
	3	51.6	NR	<58.0	56.0	40.7	54.3	54.4	Romero
4	1	51.5	51.2	<58.0	55.4	41.9	54.3	54.4	McLellan
	2	51.4	51.2	<58.0	55.6	41.0	54.3	54.4	Benquiver
	3	51.4	51.2	<58.0	55.4	41.2	54.3	54.4	Romero
5	1	51.4	51.2	<58.0	55.3	41.4	54.3	54.4	McLellan
	2	51.4	51.2	<58.0	55.1	41.6	<54.3	54.4	McLellan
	3	51.4	51.1	<58.0	56.0	41.8	54.3	54.4	Romero
6.	1	51.4	51.4	<58.0	55.7	42.0	54.3	54.4	Lovato
	2	51.4	51.4	<58.0	56.0	42.2	54.3	54.6	Benquiver
	3	51.4	51.1	<58.0	56.0	42.4	54.3	54.6	Romero

Note - The first two digits of all elevations shown is 6900 ft.

FREE BOARD GAGE RECORD  
DAILY SUMMARY

1979  
Date

T  
F  
R  
D

SOUTH		CENTRAL		PIT	NORTH	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Surveys  
Mon

Nov 7	1	51.4	51.1	58.0	56.0	42.6	54.5	54.4	Lovato
	2	51.4	51.2	58.0	56.0	42.6	54.2	54.3	Beaquer
	3	51.4	51.2	58.0	56.4	42.7	54.2	54.3	Romero
8	1	51.5	51.3	58.0	56.4	43.0	54.2	54.4	Lovato
	2	51.6	51.2	58.0	56.2	43.4	54.4	54.6	Beaquer
	3	51.5	51.2	58.0	56.4	43.0	54.4	54.5	McLellan
9	1	51.5	51.3	58.0	56.3	43.6	54.4	54.6	Lovato
	2	51.6	51.3	NR	56.3	43.6	54.4	54.5	Station No. 3 Gage down
	3	51.5	51.2	NR	56.4	43.6	54.3	54.3	to extend sand beach.
10	1	51.5	51.2	NR	56.4	43.6	54.4	54.5	I. Todd
	2	51.5	51.2	NR	56.4	43.5	54.4	54.5	Romero
	3	51.5	51.2	NR	56.4	43.2	54.4	54.5	James

MONITOR WELL ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample Identification/	Sampling Date	Well-201 (11-9-79)	Well-202 (11-9-79)
Chloride (mg/l)		80.9	70
Conductivity ( $\mu$ mhos/cm)		3800 @ 20°C	4550 @ 19°C
Salinity (parts/thousand)		2	3
pH 25°C		4.23	4.17
Sulfate (mg/l)		5974.5	6256.3
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/l)		9218	10928









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Memorandum

DATE: 2 Nov 79 CC: Bob Booth (SH&B)  
TO: D. D. Turberville, J. Abbiss, T. M. Kilroy Mill File 2:02.10  
FROM: G. A. Swanquist  
SUBJECT: Daily Inspection - Starter Dam, North & South Cross Dikes

Inspection Conducted by: Swanquist  
Time: From 4<sup>00</sup>pm A.M./P.M. TO 5<sup>00</sup>pm A.M./P.M.

Check as applicable

	1. Seepage		2. Cracks		3. Settlement	
	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
1. Starter Dam		✓		✓		✓
2. North Cross Dike		✓		✓		✓
3. South Cross Dike		✓		✓		✓

Description and qualifying statement to each "Yes" mark: \_\_\_\_\_

General Comments: About 1/2 in last 24 hrs as  
of 11000 - Extremely muddy - Instructed  
surveillance men not to go to south end of  
dam - too slick and dangerous.

Discontinuing sand with machinery on  
North side of central dike to extend beach.

Having orderly shut down - 15  
Shut down grinding @ 6pm





EVAPORATION AND PRECIPITATION RECORD

DATE	1 READING BEGINNING	2 READING ADDED	3 READING ENDING	4 INDICATED EVAPORATION	5 PRECIP- itation	6 TRUE EVAPOR	7 NUMBER OF DAYS	8 EVAPOR PER DAY
10-26	3.936							
11-5		2.989						
11-12			4.505	2.326	.745	3.074	16	.192

ALL READINGS IN INCHES

Method of Calculation:

#4 Indicated evaporation-  $1 + 2 - 3 = 4$

#6 True evaporation-  $4 + 5 = 6$

# UNC MINING AND MILLING

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Church Rock Operations  
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Gallup, New Mexico 87301  
Telephone 505/722-6651

Memorandum

DATE: November 12, 1979 CC: T. M. Kilroy

TO: H. J. Abbiss ✓

FROM: G. A. Swanquist

SUBJECT: New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division letter dated October 31, 1979, signed by Mr. Cubia Clayton: five numbered items on Page 2.

Compliance with the items listed on Page 2 of this letter will be difficult. Each item will require some form of instrumentation. The accuracy of this instrumentation is a critical consideration. At best, under ideal conditions, we may approach  $\pm 5\%$  aggregate system accuracy. This  $\pm 5\%$  discrepancy in measurement could be misinterpreted as representing seepage in the borrow pit. Recognizing this, the design and implementation of any instrumentation used to meet these measurement requirements must be critically evaluated.

In response to the individual items listed on Page 2 of the letter:

1. The measurement of the water discharged to the pit will have to be done with a recording flowrater installed near the discharge of the transfer pump.
2. In order to measure the quantity of solids discharged, a nuclear gauge density meter should be installed so that the solids quantity can be calculated.

3. The volume of water in storage can be calculated by planimeter measurements; however, the accuracy is approximate.
4. Precipitation measurements have been taken for the past several months. Records are now being kept on a weekly basis. It will be most difficult, perhaps impossible, to have an accurate measurement of the total volume of fluid added to the pit. The outline of the run-off area is inexact. If we assume no infiltration or evaporation in this run-off area, this compounds the inaccuracy of measurement.
5. Evaporation measurements are being taken; however, thermal differences between the ponds and the references, add potential inaccuracies to these measurements.

Finally, to calculate volumes on 0.10 ft. increments, assumes a greater accuracy than we have within our present surveying capabilities. It will be virtually impossible to achieve this degree of accuracy mainly due to the irregularities of the terrain.

I believe that the  $\pm 5\%$  figure of accuracy stated previously is extremely optimistic for this aggregate system. We need a good discussion with our consultants relating to what we can do and what we cannot do. Bob Booth and perhaps, Earl B. Hall in the instrumentation area will be of assistance in this task. Gail Billings could have some input in this matter as well.

It will be extremely difficult to arrive at a materials balance with an accountable balance that could not be misinterpreted as seepage. To compound our problems, the proposed system of sprinkling for enhancement of evaporation must also be considered. With the long leadtimes of instrumentation availability, 6 to 8 weeks minimum, installation, and a break-in period, we may approach the end of this interim operating period. Additionally, the costs for such an instrumentation system will not be insignificant. These could easily exceed \$10,000.00. I believe it imperative that all these issues be discussed.

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