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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jere Millard,
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FROM: C. Kelley Crossman, *CKC*
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DATE: September 7, 1983

SUBJECT: Homestake Data

Where do we stand on the discrepancy between HMC data and our observations? Reference your memo of May 6 and HMC responses attached.

CKC/cvc

attachments

*Jere 13 Sept
mtg resched to Oct after Buhl arrives
possible math error?
supporting data desired?
Have Brough check on site?
Instrument calibrations?
See Oct 25, 1983 letter*



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Overview of Working Group on Public Health Impact of Uranium Mill Tailings

A Working Group from the New Mexico Health and Environment Department has been created to assess the public health impact of the Homestake Mining Company's uranium mill tailings piles, with specific attention to the potential health impact on residents of the nearby subdivisions. The Working Group met on August 11, 1983 and established several primary objectives: (1) a meeting with residents of the nearby subdivisions to explain the goals of the Working Group and to hear about the residents health-related concerns; (2) a review of all existing data on water quality, air quality and radiation in the target area; (3) a census/survey of current residents to obtain baseline demographic information and to obtain health information; (4) determine additional key data necessary for evaluation of public health impacts of the mill tailings.

The working group is under the direction of Dr. Jonathan Mann, State Epidemiologist and Chief Medical Officer of the Department, and includes staff from the Environmental Improvement Division, the Health Services Division, and the Epidemiology Office of the Department.

The Working Group does not have any prejudice or already formed views on the question of public health impact of the tailings piles on public health. The working group will solicit information from all relevant groups. Through the approach outlined above, we expect to reach conclusions based on assessment of data. The Working Group's responsibility is to assess the public health impact, if any, on residents of the nearby subdivisions and to present this information to Secretary McNeill and to the citizens of New Mexico.

You can contact the Working Group by contacting either: (1) Dr. Mann's office at 827-3201 (Santa Fe); the Grants Office of the Environmental Improvement Division (287-8845) or the Grants office of the Health Services Division (local health office - 287-3123); the Regional E.I.D. Office at 842-3355 (Albuquerque); or the District Health Office at 327-4461 (Farmington). 841-6580