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NOTE TO: LPDR Branch Staff

FROM: J. L. Souder, Chief, LPDR Branch, DRR, ARM

SUBJELT. HANDLING OF JOHN DARKE'S REQUEST TO REESTABLISH LPDR IN MOAB, UTAH FOR ATLAS MINERALS URANIUM MILL TAILING DOCKET

Attached for your info and future reference is a copy of Donnie's response to John Darke's letter to the EDO, V. Stello. We <u>are not</u> reestablishing an LPDR in Moab, Utah. However, both John and the library will receive copies of future documents on this facility from the NRC's uranium recovery office in Denver.

Jona L. Souder, Chief, LPDR Branch, DRR, ARM Attachment: 10/13/87 ltr from D. Grimsley to J. Darke

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Mr. John Darke P. O. Box 901 Moab, UT 84532

Dear Mr. Darke:

This responds to your undated letter to Victor Stello regarding Atlas Minerals. This confirms that Mr. Gregory Berry of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Office of General Counsel has responded to your concern regarding the hearing requested by Atlas Minerals in a letter to you dated October 1, 1987.

In your letter you also requested that a Local Publi Document Room be established in Moab, Utah, for the Atlas Minerals Un nium Mill Docket 40-3453. We have carefully considered your request and feel documents relating to the current activities at the mill site can be most conveniently provided to you by mailing them directly to you at the mailing address you have provided us. We have also arranged to send the same documents to the Grand County Public Library in Moab, Utah, where they will be maintained by the library for public review. We believe that this arrangement will provide citizens located in the vicinity of the mill site adequate access to NRC documents regarding current activities at the mill site. Since the NRC has denied Atlas Minerals' application to renew license SUA-917 we see no need to formally establish a Local Public Document Room near the site.

You also requested that a Local Public Document Room be established at the Utah State Bureau of Radiation Control Center Facility in Salt Lake City, Utah. You provided no support for your request and NRC has not received such a request from the Bureau of Radiation Control. Also, our own evaluation has found nothing to justify establishing a Local Public Document Room in Salt Lake City. However, I would like to note that most Federal documents relating to Utah Uranium mills are already located at the Bureau of Radiation Control. You were informed of the availability of these documents by Ralph S. Heyer of the NRC in his letter to you dated August 12, 1987.

Thank you for your suggestion. We hope that providing NRC documents to you regarding current activities will meet your needs.

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Sincerely,

(Signed) Donnie H. Grimsley

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