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Dear Ms. Fort:

With respect to the NRC's reassertion of regulatory authority over uranium mills and tailings in New Mexico, we believe the following actions will facilitate the orderly transition of your mill licensing files to the NRC.

We ask that your staff compile the State's license, compliance, and correspondence files for mill licensees in the Radiation Protection Branch. The license files should be checked to see that all dated documents listed in the license conditions are included. Also the following records should be compiled for each State license: 1) All license applications and addendums currently on file including all backup environmental data, 2) State Engineer's Office records pertaining to inspections of mill tailings impoundments, 3) Water quality records relating to any applicable discharge plans, 4) Monitoring and surveillance records relating to any license and compliance actions and 5) all documentation relating to sureties in force and derivation of surety amounts for each facility. A written inventory of these files should then be completed prior to transfer. You may wish to retain copies of some or all of these files for State purposes.

In order to review and coordinate this activity, we suggest that NRC staff members visit the Radiation Protection Bureau offices the week of April 28, 1986.

Mr. Robert J. Doda, (817)860-8139, of our Region IV office in Arlington, Texas will coordinate these activities with Mr. Michael F. Brown, Acting Chief of the Radiation Protection Bureau.

Sincerely,

Origin signed by
G. Wayne Kerr

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