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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Fuel Processing and Fabrication Branch Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety

Attention: Mr. Ross A. Scarano Ref: FCPF:FDL 40-4492

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter dated August 1, 1977 to Mr. Thomas M. Hill, Project Manager, regarding our Source Material License renewal and proposal to enlarge the mill tailings ponds, we would like to submit to you the following discussion.

Since the meeting of June 28, 1977, a good line of communication has been established with Mr. Frank Lomax of your office. The cooperation we have received from Mr. Lomax both by mail and telephone has enabled us to proceed in assembling information for presentation to N.R.C.

First to be completed will be the application for enlargement of the tailings dams, which should be in your office no later than October 1977. It will include site specific and construction details, but as outlined in your letter of August 1, 1977, will not include the environmental report.

Second on the schedule will be the Environmental Report for both the tailings and the application for renewal of Source Material License No. SUA-667 originally submitted February 1975. The original application, we realize since the June 28 meeting, needed some revisions and additions. These are being corrected as of this date and we

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fully intend to have this Environmental Report and application to you in its revised form by January 1978.

We are presently investigating the alternatives on tailings disposal and stabilization. One of which is, the use of abandoned open pit mines.

We presently plan to have a portion of the tailings proposal ready for evaluation and discussion the second week of September, and request a meeting with your office at that time if at all possible.

Sincerely,

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Floyde D. Jackson, Safety Director

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