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Juan Velasquez  
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RE: Ground Water Discharge Plan Request

Dear Mr. Velasquez:

By letter dated March 2, 1987, the EID informed UNC that a discharge plan was required for the Church Rock facility, to be submitted no later than May 30. A few weeks after our meeting on June 16, Ground Water Bureau staff indicated to me that you considered our meeting on June 16 to be a response to that request. You also indicated this in your July 13 letter. There is an apparent misunderstanding on this matter, since I interpreted our June 16 meeting as being strictly for the purpose of discussing the respective responsibilities of the NRC, EPA, and EID. The EID is still very willing to discuss UNC's concerns; however, I am disappointed that UNC made no attempt to contact the EID prior to the May 30 deadline for discharge plan submittal. The concerns you raise in the July 13 letter should have been presented far enough in advance of that deadline to allow consideration and discussion. UNC did not request an extension of time in which to submit a discharge plan. Accordingly, please be advised that while the EID will fully respond to your July 13 letter, nothing in that letter has yet changed the EID's position that UNC is required to have an approved discharge plan.

I sincerely hope that these issues will be resolved in a timely fashion. The EID has recently received a copy of UNC's reclamation plan from the NRC and will be evaluating the "new" ground water information to which you referred.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Burkhart  
Director

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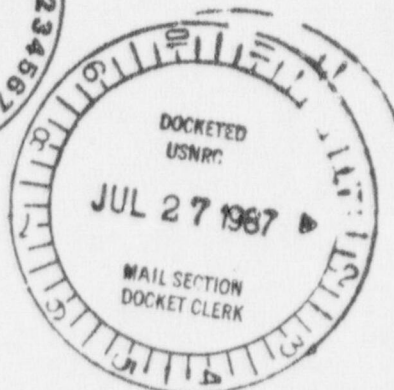
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