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MEMORANDUM FOR: Docket File No. 40-8681

FROM: Scott R. Grace, Project Manager  
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SUBJECT: GROUND-WATER MONITORING REPORT, SECOND HALF OF 1988  
FOR UMETCO'S WHITE MESA MILL

The staff has completed a review of the subject report submitted February 28, 1989. Based upon a review of the monitoring data, the staff conclude that no unusual trends are occurring at the site.

However, since the tailings impoundment is lined with a leak detection system, there appears to be no need for a "detection monitoring program" at the site. This was discussed with the licensee and recommended they submit a license amendment request to delete the detection monitoring requirement of License Condition No. 48. Instead, the licensee should propose periodic inspection of the leak detection system.

No further action is required at this time.

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