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Ronald L. McCallum

Judicial Officer (A-101)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. McCallum:

A recent audit of our NPDES permit files shows that four petitions for review were filed with your office in 1981. These are:

- (1) In the Matter of Phillips Uranium Corroration, NPDES Permit No. NM0028274 (petition liled January, 1981);
- (2) In the Matter of Borden, Inc./Colonial Sugars, NPDES Permit No. LA0000604 (petition filed February, 1981);
- (3) In the Matter of Kerr-McGee, NPDES Permit No. NM0020532 ? (petition filed April, 1981); and
- (4) In the Matter of United Nuclear Corporation (Homestake Mining Company), NPDES Permit No. NM0020389 (petition filed April, 1981).

In addition, issues of law were referred to your office in October, 1980 in the matter of Allied Chemical Corporation, NPDES Permit No. LA0005479.

The above matters are still pending and as a result, I am concerned that there has been no final Agency action on the respective NPDES permits. Because the process of issuing "second-round" NPDES permits is well underway, it is important to all parties to conclude these proceedings. Accordingly, I am seeking your advice as to when a decision in each of the above proceedings can be expected. If your office needs

additional resources, I will be happy to speak to whomever you deem appropriate to assure that you have an adequate workforce to conclude these proceedings.

Your attention to these matters will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Dick Whittington, P.E. Regional Administrator

cc: Regional Hearing Clerk (60RC)

All Parties of Record (Service List Attached)