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November 12, 1979

Mr. S. E. Reynolds
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Natural Resources Department
Water Resources Division
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Re: File 3346

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Your letter of November 9, 1979 to Mr. Robert D. Booth concerning UNC's Church Rock tailings disposal facility requires a written response for the record.

October 26, 1979, a representative of your office personally participated in the visual inspection of the tailings disposal sites and the beach on the upstream side of the dividing dike between the southern and central cells. The company believed that it was in compliance with your letter to me of October 5, 1979 and your representative concurred, expressing his approval of UNC's resumption of operation to the representative of the NMEID. Indeed, it is my understanding that your representative discussed certain aspects of the beach with you by telephone before expressing his approval. Had there been any question concerning the dimensions of the beach as built or where the measurements were taken, it would have been appropriate for these issues to have been raised and addressed at that time.

Please be advised that UNC had not, prior to receipt of your verbal order of November 8, 1979, changed the physical configuration of the beach area at issue since the pre-operation inspection and approval by your representative. UNC did reconstruct the beach in accordance with your letter of October 9 to Mr. Booth and you personally approved resumption of the discharge of liquids and tailings into the central pond Sunday afternoon, November 11, 1979.

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I was certainly disappointed at this turn of events, but would like to thank you for making yourself available Sunday for a timely review and approval of our resumption of operations.

Sincerely,

D. D. Turberville

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Division President

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cc: G. Stanley Crout
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