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MINING AND MILLING DIVISION

February 2, 1979

Ms. Maxine Goad Mr. Gerald W. Stewart ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION P. O. Box 2348 Santa Fe, NM 87503

> Subject: Mill Tailings Backfill at the Northeast Church Rock Mine

Dear Ms. Goad and Mr. Stewart:

In confirmation of our telephone calls on February 2, 1979, United Nuclear Corporation will be sending to CEP Laboratory in Santa Fe the backfilling samples for the first month of backfilling operations. This has been necessitated by the large number of water analyses--504 to be exact-that are required. The timing of our first 2-week report will then in part depend on the receipt of the results from CEP.

Secondly, the unloading area and the storage area for the coarse mill tailings used for backfill are one and the same. Thus, only one set of air sampling results will be reported for the unloading-storage area.

Finally, mill tailings backfilling operations are scheduled to begin sometime this weekend, or on Monday, February 5, 1979.

Sincerely yours,

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