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Mr. Russell Rhoades, Director New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division Post Office Box 986 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Rhoades:

I am writing to inform you that I have recently joined United Nuclear Corporation as their Manager of Environmental Affairs. As such, my responsibilities include management of all environmental activities related to the Churchrock project. Therefore, communication regarding this subject should be directed to me in the future. My office is located at 142 West Palace Avenue in Santa Fe. Presently I can be reached at 982-4611 by telephone. My mailing address is Post Office Box 8480, zip code 87504-8480.

We have decided to locate in Santa Fe because we recognize that much of the activities which I will undertake regarding the Churchrock facility will be conducted in concert with your office. I would like very much to visit you in the near future to informally discuss our mutual concerns over the future of UNC activities at Churchrock. I will be in contact shortly to arrange such a visit.

I have taken the liberty of providing copies of this letter to key members of your staff as I am certain that we will all be working closely together in the very near future. I hope to arrange similar visits with them.

Sincerely yours,

Juan R. Velasquez Manager of Environmental Affairs

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BEFORE THE HEARING OFFICER NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

In the matter of:

Notice of Violation of Part 4 of the New New Mexico Radiation Protection Regulations [4-160.A. and Appendix A. Table 2, p. 4-37] regarding release of radioactive materials to unrestricted areas by seepage from the UNC Mining and Milling Division uranium mill tailings impoundment, T16N, R16W, Sec. 2. McKinley County, New Mexico.

MEMORANDUM IN **RESPONSE TO REQUEST** BY THE HEARING OFFICER FOR INFORMATION AND COMMENT ON THE ORAL AND WRITTEN RECORD

CHEMICAL POLLUTION OF USABLE GROUNDWATER BY SEEPAGE FROM THE UNITED NUCLEAR CORP. URANIUM MILL TAILINGS IMPOUNDMENT CHURCH ROCK, NEW MEXICO

> SECOND STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD submitted on behalf of

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