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Thomas E. Baca, M.P.H.  
Director  
Environmental Improvement Division  
P.O. Box 2348  
Santa Fe, NM 87503

Dear Mr. Baca;

The Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club is concerned about the continuing environmental problems posed by uranium mining, particularly uranium mill tailings.

This letter is to formally request that a public hearing be held concerning the application for license renewal for the SOHIO uranium mill. We would appreciate hearing from you regarding this request by January 8, 1982.

We understand that the SOHIO mill is presently shut down, that problems presently exist with stabilization and reclamation of the tailings, and that seepage problems presently exist below the tailings pond. We would also appreciate being informed of any changes in status of the SOHIO mill operations, licensing, and problems.

Sincerely,

*Phyllenore D Howard*

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Chairman