

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

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December 14, 1979

Mr. Sam Shaw III Vice President, Uranium Operations SOHIO Western Mining Company Post Office Box 25201 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125

Certified-Return Receipt Requested

Re: File Nos. 01180 & 01262A

Dear Mr. Shaw:

By letter dated December 7, 1979 Mr. J. D. Bazemore forwarded a copy of the December 5, 1979 report prepared by Frank J. Holliday on the condition of SCHIO Western Mining Company's I-Bar tailing dam as required by my November 2, 1979 letter to you. We have reviewed the report and find it acceptable. In addition, I concur with the recommendations contained in the report. It is requested that by January 18, 1980 a schedule for implementation of Mr. Holliday's recommendations be submitted to the State Engineer. Further, it is hereby ordered that by January 31, 1980 the downstream slope of the tailings dam be reconstructed to conform with approved plans and specifications.

Please let me know if further discussion of this matter would be helpful.

Sincere)

S. E. Reynolds State Engineer

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cc: J. D. Bazemore Frank J. Holliday

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