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Dear Jim:

This is in response to your letter and enclosures of October 4, 1979 concerning the proposed addition of two thickeners to the mill production process. Since the expected increase in yellowcake production represents a very small fraction, on the order of 0.5 percent, of current production the proposed change in the mill process stream does not represent a significant increase in the radiological and environmental effects of current and licensed production levels. On this basis a license amendment will not be necessary. Your letter and supporting materials will be added to the SOHIO records on file at the Environmental Improvement Division.

We appreciate your timely communication of the details concerning the proposed changes.

Sincerely yours,

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