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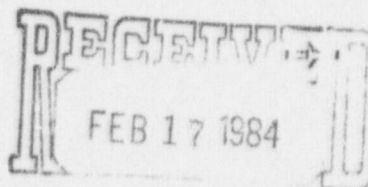
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Mr. Steven Asher, Director
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Dear Mr. Asher:

In response to your letter to Mr. Joklik regarding the state implementation of the EPA standards for uranium and thorium mill tailings, Kennecott does anticipate difficulties in the event that the EID follows the NRC interpretation of immediate implementation of the EPA standards. The response to that NRC interpretation as provided in your letter was addressed by the New Mexico Mining Association Uranium Environmental Subcommittee in comments which were sent to you in January. Kennecott is a member of that subcommittee. We agree with the Association's position and response in its comments and have no additional comments at this point in time.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your alert of EID's responsibilities for the new EPA standards.

Very truly yours,

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