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US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Mr. Philip Ting, Chief
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Re: **Docket No. 40-8903**
License No. SUA-1471
RSO Training

Dear Mr. Ting:

As discussed with Mr. Ken Hooks of your office, the bi-annual ROS training as described in Reg Guide 8.31, 2.4.1.3, was due for the Grants site ROS representative late this fall. According to the consultant that handles the training, the fall class was cancelled due to lack of participants. The course will now be offered only once a year rather than twice per year as in previous years. The next class will be in the Spring of 2001.

The ROS duties at Grants have been scaled back dramatically over the past 9 years and especially over the past 5 since the tailings have been contained and covered. The radiological work is now reduced to one part time technician and the RSO. The technician's tasks include general record keeping, quarterly TLD badges, quarterly perimeter air sampling, semi-annual regional radon cup sampling, and quarterly POC water sampling, and the occasional radiation work order related to drilling collection wells in the large tailings pile.

I have been the RSO for the Grants site since 1995. I have 10 years of experience, 5 years at an active uranium mill from 1975 thru 1980 and 5 years at this inactive site.

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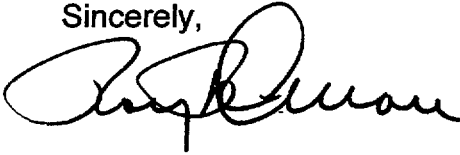
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Homestake requested in phone conversation with Mr. Hooks, that based on the existing levels of radiological requirements, moving the training class to fit the above discussed schedule will not detract from the overall effectiveness of the radiological program at Grants. Mr. Hooks has verbally agreed that the program will not be effected and has approved the change in the training schedule.

The new training schedule for Grants RSO will start in the spring of 2001 and continue bi-annually.

If you have any additional questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 505-287-4456. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Hooks", written in a cursive style.

cc: Mr. Ken Hooks, NRC Project Manager
Mr. C. Cain, NRC Arlington, TX