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Desc: Recorda requested should be found on Docket No. 40-8681, Lic. No. SUA-1358, White Mesa Uranium Mill.

1. PLANO ARCHEOLOGICAL CONSULTANTS FINAL REPT ON 1980 ARCHEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS AT WHITE MESA. REVISED RESEARCH DESIGN ALSO ENCL. Report forwarded by letter of April 13, 1981 (8106090096), which see.

2. All other documents related to the archeological (cultural) sites at the White Mesa Mill. Documents should include, but not be limited to:

- a. Archeological reports.
- b. Licensing documented related to the NRC and federal and state decision making process regarding the presence of cultural sites that might be impacted by activities at the mill.

3. All correspondence between the NRC and state and federal agencies and institutions related to the investigation of cultural sites and implementation of applicable statutes and regulation pertaining to cultural sites at federally licensed facilities.

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Expedite_ImminentThreatText:

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Expedite_UrgencyToInformText: Although most of the documents would be many years old, there is an urgency because the documents pertain to a current NEPA decision making process. The Department of Energy is developing an Draft EIS for the Moab Mill Project. One of the remedial action alternatives that is being evaluated in the NEPA process is the transfer of over 11 million tons of uranium mill tailings from Moab, Utah, to the White Mesa Mill 85 miles south. The DOE is working on the draft EIS and a cultural resources investigation for the White Mesa Mill to determine the cultural resources that may be impacted by the proposed activities.

Requested records document such cultural resources and are needed by the requestor and the community in order to address all questions related to the impacts of the proposed alternative on White Mesa.

Waiver_Purpose: Requestor and Uranium Education Project intend to review the records in order to determine the types and extent of cultural, sacred, and burial sites on White Mesa. There will be a review of NRC and state and federal consideration of impacts cultural sites as part of the licensing process.

Waiver_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: Records will be reviewed for all information (type, location, characteristics) about the historical cultural sites that have been impacted by mill activities and might be impacted by the proposed activities.

Lists of cultural sites and cross references will be generated. A chronology of NRC and other agency actions regarding consideration of the impacts on cultural sites will be developed.

Waiver_SpecificActivityQuals: See 1 and 2 above. Information from the records will be evaluated to understand current and past implementation of statutes and regulations related to the evaluation and mitigation of cultural resources at sites licensed by the NRC. Probably no other uranium milling facility impacted cultural sites to the extent that the White Mesa Mill has.

I have taken college anthropology courses and am familiar with the types of cultural resources in this area, and their significance. I am familiar with NRC regulations and licensing activities. I have research, writing, and computer skills. The information requested is not technically complex and is not written in technical jargon, requiring a special education to understand. I am familiar with applicable NRC, DOE, and other agency regulations.

Waiver_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: As far as I can tell, the public has little or no understanding--and often a misunderstanding--of the past impacts of the White Mesa mill on the on-site cultural resources. The public has no understanding about potential impacts on cultural sites related to the proposed alternative being evaluated in the DOE's DEIS.

The released records would have a tremendous impact on the public's understanding of the situation.

Waiver_NatureOfPublic: The information would primarily contribute to the increased understanding of people who live in southeastern Utah, northern Arizona, and western Colorado, in what is known as the Four Corners Area. This would include Native American tribal members, state and federal agency employees, educational and cultural institutions, employees of the mill, local media, tourists to this area, interested persons, and the general local population. The number would be in the thousands.

Waiver_MeansOfDissemination: The Uranium Education Project is in the process of putting up a

web site which will provide anyone in the world with information. Meetings and gatherings; use of local media; personal contact with appropriate state, federal, and tribal agencies; personal contact with interested persons; and printed information available to the public are some of the ways that the information will be disseminated.

At some time after the documents are reviewed they will be donated to a local library, educational institution, or other public document collection, where the material will be available to anyone for review.

Waiver_FreeToPublicOrFee: Information would be disseminated free. For extensive information the only fee would be to cover the minimal copying costs.

Waiver_PrivateCommercialInterest: To the best of my knowledge, requestor and the Uranium Education Project has no commercial or private interest that would be furthered by the release of the requested records.
