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Mr. Albert J. Hazle, Executive Director  
Radiation and Hazardous Wastes  
Control Division  
Colorado Department of Health  
4210 East 11th Avenue  
Denver, Colorado 80220

Dear Mr. Hazle:

Enclosed are two advance copies of the report prepared by this staff on the proposed San Miguel uranium mill of Pioneer Uranium, Inc. The report documents NRC staff evaluation of the proposed tailings management program and alternatives, radiological assessment of proposed operations and accident analysis. This scope is consistent with your request for technical assistance and my letters to you of December 14, 1979, and May 22, 1980, on the matter.

A separate advance copy will be provided directly to Pioneer Uranium, Inc., in a few days as was agreed to in conversation with Hubert J. Miller on December 22, 1980. Final bound copies will be sent to you after printing in about two weeks.

If there are any questions or comments on the report, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Ross A. Scarano, Chief  
Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch  
Division of Waste Management

Enclosure:  
As stated

cc: G.W. Kerr

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