

January 27, 1997

Mr. Peter Haney  
Grand County Council  
125 East Center Street  
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Dear Mr. Haney:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 2, 1997, in which you provide comments on two letters written by consultants to Atlas Corporation. Those letters, both dated November 6, 1996, were from Woodward-Clyde Federal Services and Smith Environmental Technologies Corporation and were provided to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission under cover letter from Atlas dated November 8, 1996. Atlas provided the consultant letters in response to a request from NRC, dated October 30, 1996 (a copy of which was sent to you), to respond to issues raised in your October 22, 1996 to me.

Your comments have been provided to the appropriate NRC technical staff reviewing Atlas' proposal to reclaim its uranium mill site in Moab, Utah, which holds NRC license SUA-917. In reviewing Atlas' proposal, NRC staff is considering information provided by Atlas and by the public, such as contained in letters you have written, and information in the general literature. In addition, NRC staff have consulted with experts in other government agencies, including the Utah Geologic Survey and the U.S. Geologic Survey. The staff's conclusions will be provided in a Technical Evaluation Report (TER), which we anticipate publishing this spring. A draft of the TER was published for public comment in January 1996.

Thank you for your comments.

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 40-3453  
Source Material License No. SUA-917

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