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Dear Ms. Jordan:

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We appreciate your interest in this matter, and will continue to keep you informed of any significant changes to the aforementioned schedule. If you have any questions concerning this subject, please contact Mr. Holonich of my staff at (301) 415-7238.

Sincerely,

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Carl J. Paperiello, Director
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(VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL)

January 15, 1997

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Re: Matter of the Application of Hydro Resources Inc., Docket No. 40-8968-ML

Dear Mr. Paperiello:

We are in receipt of your letter denying our requests on behalf of Eastern Navajo Diné Against Uranium Mining ("ENDAUM") and the Southwest Research and Information Center ("SRIC") for a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("SDEIS") and a Local Public Documents Repository in the above referenced matter. We disagree with your denial and we reserve all rights to appeal it.

Please provide us with prompt notice of publication and a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS"). Please also provide us with a copy of the Safety Evaluation Report upon its completion. Finally, please promptly notify us when NRC staff has determined that review of the license application in this matter has been completed.

Sincerely,

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ASLBP No. 95-706-01-ML

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I hereby certify that on January 15, 1997 copies of REPLY OF ENDAUM AND SRIC TO HRI'S RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ENTRY OF APPEARANCE and LETTER OF JANUARY 15, 1996 FROM SUSAN G. JORDAN TO CARL J. PAPERIELLO were served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, and in accordance with the requirements of 10 C.F.R. Sec. 2.712.

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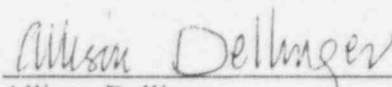
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