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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
 STATEMENT FOR CROWNPOINT, NM

Dear Ms. Drywater:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the enclosed preliminary draft final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Hydro Resources, Inc.'s proposed in situ leach uranium solution mining project at Crownpoint, NM. This advance copy is being presented to you for final review and concurrence as a cooperating agency.

A working meeting will be held on November 19-22, 1996, in Albuquerque, NM to discuss the major issues regarding the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff's review and findings on the EIS, and to incorporate input received from the cooperating agencies. Please review this document and be prepared to discuss your issues at the aforementioned meeting.

If you have any questions concerning this subject, please contact me at (301) 415-8165.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:]

Robert D. Carlson, Project Manager  
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 Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
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Enclosure: As stated

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