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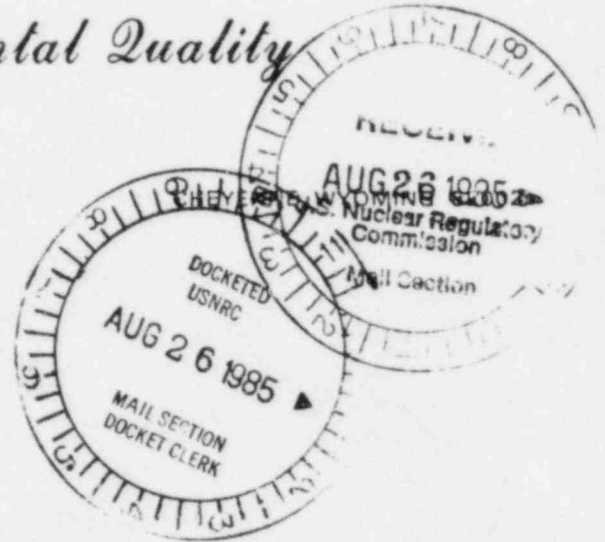
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rick Engelmann, District II Engineer
FROM: Jack Smith, Plant Ecologist JS
DATE: August 15, 1985

SUBJECT: Technical Review Responses, Minerals Exploration Company, TFN 1 5/294



The following remarks pertain to MEC's July 23 responses to technical comments:

Appendix D-8 Vegetation

a. Sagebrush Control Area

MEC proposes to address the sagebrush control area topic separate from the amendment application. If acceptable to District II, I suggest we resolve the problem at a later date.

b. Selenium Indicator Plants

The subject is adequately addressed if MEC includes the July 11, 1985 letter from Dr. Redente in the application.

c. Threatened and Endangered Plants

See Comment "b" above.

d. Shrub Density

Shrub density baseline data, in its current format, is acceptable. The applicant should realize that recalculation of this existing data may be necessary in the future (especially with respect to possible revamping of the sagebrush control area). Subshrubs and the forb and succulent currently included in the applicant's baseline shrub density can not comprise a significant portion of a postmining shrub standard.

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Reclamation Plan

a. Seeding Rates

The applicant's response is acceptable.

b. Postmining Above Ground Biomass

The applicant's response is acceptable.

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cc: File
/Greg Smith
/Kathy Ogle