

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Docket No. 40-3453

Atlas Minerals

Division of Atlas Mineral Corporation

DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT REGARDING THE RENEWAL OF SOURCE
AND BYPRODUCT MATERIAL LICENSE SUA-917 FOR OPERATION OF ATLAS MINERALS'
ATLAS URANIUM MILL LOCATED IN MOAB, UTAH.

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Notice of Draft Finding of No Significant Impact

(1) Proposed Action

The proposed administrative action is to renew Source and
Byproduct Material License SUA-917 authorizing Atlas
Minerals Corporation to continue operation of their Atlas
Mill located in Moab, Utah.

(2) Reasons for Draft Finding of No Significant Impact

An Environmental Assessment was prepared by the staff at
the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and issued by

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the Commission's Uranium Recovery Field Office, Region IV. The Environmental Assessment performed by the Commission's staff evaluated potential impacts on-site and off-site due to radiological releases which may occur during the course of the operation. Documents used in preparing the assessment included operational data from the licensee's prior milling activities, the licensee's renewal application dated May 31, 1984, additional submittals dated December 17, 1984, January 18, 1985, and June 5, 1985, and the Final Environmental Statement prepared by the Commission staff dated January 1979. Based on this assessment, the Commission has determined that no significant impact will result from the proposed action, and therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not warranted.

The following statements support the draft finding of no significant impact and summarize the conclusions resulting from the environmental assessment.

- (a) The ground water monitoring program in effect at the Atlas mill is sufficient to detect releases and thereby minimize any impact on ground water.

- (b) Radiological effluents from the proposed operation of the mill will be minimal and well within the regulatory limits and will be continuously monitored.
- (c) Environmental monitoring is comprehensive enough to detect any significant impacts due to radiological releases from the milling operation.
- (d) Radioactive wastes will be minimal and will be disposed of in the tailings impoundment which will be reclaimed in accordance with applicable federal and state regulations.

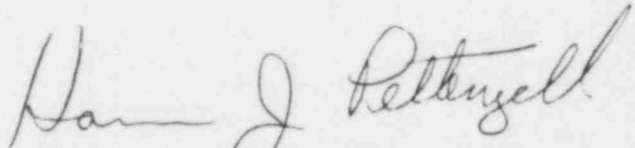
In accordance with 10 CFR Part 51.33(a), the Director, Uranium Recovery Field Office, made the determination to issue a draft finding of no significant impact and to accept comments on the draft finding for a period of 30 days after issuance in the Federal Register.

This finding, together with the environmental assessment setting forth the basis for the finding, is available for public inspection and copying at the Commission's Uranium

Recovery Field Office at 730 Simms Street, Golden, CO and at
the Commission's Public Document Room at 1717 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dated at Denver, Colorado, this 25th of November 1985.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Harry J. Pettengill". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Harry J. Pettengill, Chief

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