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November 18, 1985

Mr. Dale Smith
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV, Uranium Recovery Field Office
P.O. Box 25325
Denver, CO 80225

RE: Minerals Exploration Co.

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Land and Water Quality Division staffs have reviewed the NRC "draft" letter to Minerals Exploration Company concerning retrieval of seepage that has leaked from the tailings pond. The staffs are in agreement with the contents of the proposed letter. The NRC should be aware of the following concerns:

1. Minerals Exploration Co. must obtain a Permit to Construct from the Water Quality Division prior to operation.
2. Surface discharge or land application of the seepage water could be used for disposal of retrieved seepage if necessary permits from the Water Quality Division are obtained, and it can be shown that the Battle Springs aquifer will not be affected.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Bill Kearney
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Coordinator

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