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Before Chief Administrative Judge
B. Paul Cotter, Jr., Presiding Officer

Administrative Judge
Thomas D. Murphy, Special Assistant

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In the Matter of

HYDRO RESOURCES, INC.
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Docket No. 40-8968-ML

ASLBP No. 95-706-01-ML

February 28, 1997

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
(Request for Status Report)

This informal proceeding was stayed in September of 1995 to give the NRC Staff time to publish the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Safety Evaluation Report (SER) for Hydro Resources, Inc.'s proposed in-situ leach mining activity in the vicinity of Crownpoint and Church Rock, New Mexico. Memorandum and Order (Proceeding Status) (September 13, 1995) (Unpublished). In a subsequent Memorandum and Order, the Presiding Officer requested the NRC Staff to estimate when the FEIS would be issued. Memorandum and Order (Request for Information) (July 30, 1996) (Unpublished). In response to that request,


on August 8, 1996, the Staff estimated completion of the FEIS by November 1996, with the SER to be published "several months after publication of the FEIS." NRC Staff's Status Report Concerning Its Review of the In Situ Leachate Mine Application Filed by Hydro Resources, Inc. (August 30, 1996) at 3. That estimated time has now passed.

In fairness to the potential parties to this proceeding, the NRC Staff is hereby ordered to report when the FEIS and SER will be completed.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is, this 28th day of February, 1997

ORDERED:

By March 15, 1997, the NRC Staff shall provide the Presiding Officer and the petitioners in this proceeding a new estimated date as to when the FEIS and the SER related to the HRI license application will issue.


B. Paul Cotter, Jr.
Presiding Officer

Rockville, Maryland
February 28, 1997

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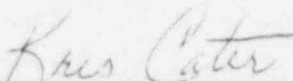
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