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Mr. W. T. Badger
General Superintendent
Atlas Minerals Inc.
Moab, Utah 74532

Dear Mr. Badger:

This refers to our telephone discussion of February 27, 1974 concerning your letter of February 13, 1974 advising of delays which you anticipate in providing answers to questions we sent to you in connection with the staff environmental evaluation of proposed modifications to the Atlas Mineral Inc.'s Uranium Mill at Moab, Utah.

At that time Mr. Person and I advised you of possible delays in our environmental evaluation in the event answers to our questions should be delayed substantially beyond the scheduled date of March 18, 1974. As I indicated, this is because of other casework we have scheduled beginning in the summer. We understand that you expect to have the new equipment and process system completed late in the spring or summer of 1975. In this connection, as indicated to you, should our environmental evaluation reveal that an environmental statement must be prepared, about 13 months would be required from the date we could begin work on the environmental statement. In that event, since we may be unable to resume work on your case for sometime after receiving your answers (should they be delayed until June), the modification you plan to make may be completed before completion of the Environmental Statement.

The purpose of this letter is to confirm in writing our judgment regarding the possible consequences arising from the delayed response you indicated in your letter. Based on our discussion we understand that you are exploring ways to expedite the preparation of your answers. I sincerely hope you will be able to resolve this problem since failure to do so could lead to a delay in your being able to utilize the new facility you plan to install.

Sincerely,

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Richard B. Chitwood, Chief
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