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SUBJECT: HYDRO RESOURCES, INC. SOLUTION MINING PROJECT AT  
CROWNPOINT, NM

Dear Mr. Copeland:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is reviewing a license application submitted by Hydro Resources, Inc. (HRI) to construct and operate an *in situ* leach uranium mining facility near Crownpoint, New Mexico. You were previously notified of this proposed activity and of NRC's consultation with the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office and the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department. Also, HRI's consultant and the Museum of New Mexico, Office of Archaeological Studies (OAS) consulted you regarding the conduct of cultural resource surveys on the Bureau of Land Management properties included in the project area.

OAS has completed the cultural resources survey of the areas HRI proposes to initially develop. The report documenting the survey and its findings has been drafted, and is enclosed for your review and comment. This report will serve as the basis of a determination of potential effect under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Also included are the required project activity and site forms.

If you have any questions concerning this subject, please contact Mr. Robert Carlson of my staff at (301) 415-8165.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by Daniel M. Gillen for)

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Enclosures: As stated

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