



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM TO: Daniel H. Dorman
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Brooke P. Clark, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – FOLLOW-UP TO SRM-M220422A—
A MEETING WITH THE NAVAJO TRIBAL COMMUNITY
MEMBERS OF THE RED WATER POND ROAD and SRM-
M220422B—DISCUSSION OF THE TEN-YEAR PLAN TO
ADDRESS IMPACTS OF URANIUM CONTAMINATION ON THE
NAVAJO NATION AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE
REMEDICATION OF FORMER URANIUM MILL SITES

On May 4, 2022, the Commission issued the Staff Requirements Memoranda (SRMs) associated with the April 22, 2022 “Meeting with the Navajo Tribal Community Members of the Red Water Pond Road” and the “Discussion of the Ten-Year Plan to Address Impacts of Uranium Contamination on the Navajo Nation and Lessons Learned from the Remediation of Former Uranium Mill Sites.” Among the matters discussed at the meetings was the pending request to amend the reclamation plan and reclamation timelines as defined in the license for the UNC Mill Site near Gallup, New Mexico. Both SRMs included the following direction to the staff: “To give the Commission and the NRC staff additional time to consider the United Nuclear Corporation [UNC] Mill Site proposal, the staff should not issue the Final Environmental Impact Statement or the Final Safety Evaluation Report until further direction is provided by the Commission.”

The Commission has considered the UNC Mill Site proposal and has concluded it will not provide further direction to the staff. Therefore, upon completion of its review, the staff may proceed to take final action on the license amendment request, including issuance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and the Final Safety Evaluation Report.

cc: Chair Hanson
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