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FOLLOW-UP SLIP

To: Gene Traeger, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
From: Roy Reaves, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Subject: Comments on Preliminary Case Report for Energy Fuels
White Mesa Uranium Mill.

A. See The Importance of Small, Surface and Disturbed Sites as Sources of Significant Archeological Data by Talmadge and Chesler. NTIS Order # PB270939/AS. Paper copy \$4.50; Microfiche \$3.00. Disturbed sites proposed for burial or ineligibility should be reassessed in light of this document. If this reassessment shows them to be important or likely to yeild important information, they should be included in the request for a determination of eligibility and appropriate mitigation should be proposed.

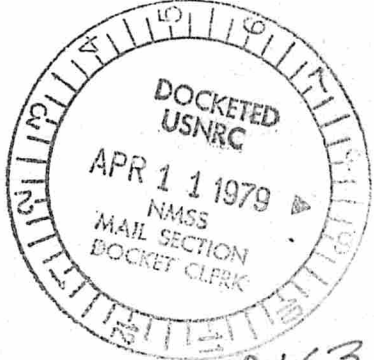
B. Burial of Sites: See the enclosed IAS policy memorandum "Interagency Archeological Program Administrative Memorandum No. 4; Supplement No. 1 (Replaces Section c(1): Professional Considerations surrounding non-aqueous burial of archeological sites." Should reassess proposed burial in light of this policy. If burial is still considered to be the desired alternative, some base data should be collected as a mitigation measure prior to burial.

C. Proposed no effect and no adverse effect determinations: These should be reexamined in light of all data catagories. Will, for example, increased radioactivity levels effect the ability of future archeologists to obtain Carbon 14 dates from such sites--if so there is both an effect and an adverse effect. Some mitigation should be proposed for such effects.

D. Editorial: State Historic Preservation Officer should read State Historic Preservation Officer; Archeological resource on page one of the preliminary case report should read archeological resource.


Roy Reaves

Enclosure



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Memorandum

To: Acting Chief, Interagency Archeological Services-Atlanta
Chief, Interagency Archeological Services-Denver
Acting Chief, Interagency Archeological Services-San Francisco

From: Departmental Consulting Archeologist

Subject: Interagency Archeological Program Administrative Memorandum
No. 4; Supplement No. 1 (replaces section c(1)): Professional
considerations surrounding non-aqueous burial of archeological
sites

Non-aqueous burial of archeological sites under earth fill, asphalt, concrete, etc., is being proposed with increasing frequency as a method of mitigating certain Federal project impacts. A need accordingly exists for a statement by this Division with respect to factors that should be taken into consideration when contemplating site burial. As you know, this topic was discussed at some length at the July 1975 general staff meeting in Denver. If there are any additional comments on the contents of this policy, please forward these to me. A separate policy statement will be forthcoming on the effects of archeological site inundation.

/s/ Rex L. Wilson

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