

Rio Algom Mining Corp.

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Subject: Correction to License Amendment Request dated May 20, 1999
License No.: SUA-1548
Docket No.: 40-8964
Smith Ranch Facility

Dear Essig:

In a submittal dated May 20, 1999, Rio Algom Mining Corp. requested two license amendments in response to issues raised during NRC inspection 99-01. One of those requested changes was to the language in License Condition 10.3(a). In the third paragraph of the section titled "Rational and Justification", I state the following:

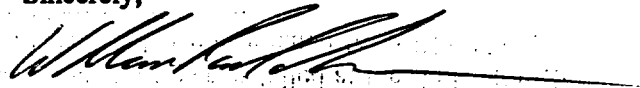
CC: *"The dryer manufacturer recommends a minimum vacuum of 5 inches of Hg and the typical operating vacuum ranges from 15 to 25 inches of Hg."*

This statement is in fact, incorrect. Through a miscommunication between the operations and me, I misunderstood that there are no manufacturer recommended minimum vacuum pressures or typical operating vacuum pressures for the rotary vacuum dryer installed at the Smith Ranch Facility. Those parameters cited in the above referenced sentence originated from Rio Algom's Engineering Department. The revised sentence should read as follows:

"The Engineering Department at Rio Algom Mining Corp. dryer manufacturer recommends a minimum vacuum of 5 inches of Hg and the typical operating ranges from 15 to 25 inches of Hg."

Please reference this letter to correct the statement provided in the original amendment request in the May 20, 1999 submittal. If you have any questions, please call me at (405) 858-4807 or email at pgoranson@ramc.net.

Sincerely,



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