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Mr. Larry Camper, Chief
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United States Nuclear Regulatory
Commission
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11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 28052

Subject: Amendment Request to Extend Submittal Date for Part 2 of the Decommissioning Plan and Revised Environmental Report for the Molycorp, Washington, PA, Site

Dear Mr. Camper,

This letter serves as Molycorp's request to amend the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Materials License for the Washington, PA, site (License No.: SMB-1393, Docket No.: 040-08778) to extend the date for the submittal of Part 2 Decommissioning Plan and the revised Environmental Report for the Washington site. Specifically, we request that License Condition 14.D be amended to change the submittal date for the above two documents from April 16, 2000, to July 16, 2000.

The unique nature of the technical and policy issues associated with applying new NRC regulations to the Part 2 Decommissioning Plan requires that additional time, beyond the current April 16, 2000, date, be allocated to ensure that a complete, acceptable plan is submitted to NRC. As you know, Molycorp is one of the first sites in the country to actively pursue decommissioning under the restricted use provisions of 10 CFR 20.1403. The goal is to submit a decommissioning plan that fully satisfies NRC regulations and guidance and requires NRC to make only one request for additional information (RAI) to complete its review.

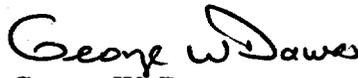
To ensure that the technical and policy content of the decommissioning plan is complete, considerable interaction is required with not only NRC, but also the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Molycorp Site Specific Advisory Board. As discussed in Molycorp's 12/15/99 meeting with NRC, the optimal approach would be to have a number of meetings, prior to the decommissioning plan submittal, to discuss Molycorp's proposed methods for compliance as they are being developed. This would allow NRC, and other stakeholders, an opportunity to provide timely feedback to Molycorp and help minimize the need for RAI's. It would be difficult to conduct a meaningful set of stakeholder meetings, and to incorporate appropriate recommendations and comments into the decommissioning plan, within the current schedule.

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In summary, we believe that it is in the best interest of the public, NRC, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Molycorp, to amend License Condition 14.D to change submittal date for the Part 2 Decommissioning Plan and the revised Environmental Report from April 16, 2000, to July 16, 2000. This would help ensure that the full range of decommissioning issues and alternatives are fully explored and considered prior to the decommissioning plan submittal.

All future correspondence concerning licensing activities at either the York or Washington facilities should be directed to my attention at the Washington, PA location.

Sincerely,



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Senior Scientist

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DCB TICKET REQUEST

TODAY'S DATE: 1/28/00

SECTION/LEAD: FDS/LSP

LLDP TICKET NO.:

TASK DUE DATE: 2/28/00

DESCRIPTION: Molycorp, Washington Ph II SDP Due Date Extension

ATTACHED: Ltr from Molycorp dtd 1/19/00

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① New license amendment request from

Molycorp

② I've requested a ticket

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