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Subject: Submittal of Washington, Pa. Facility Decommissioning Plan Part 2 Revision

Enclosed please find four copies of the Washington, Pa. Facility Decommissioning Plan Part 2 Revision (Part 2 DP). Molycorp, Inc., requests an amendment to License SMB-1393 (Docket No. 040-08778) to approve the Part 2 DP. This amendment would authorize the construction of an engineered cell on the Washington site, placement of approximately 125,000 cubic yards of slightly contaminated soil and slag into the cell, and release of the cell property for restricted use under 10 CFR 20.1403. These activities would be carried out in accordance with the methods and procedures described in the Part 2 DP.

The location and safety of the proposed engineered cell was discussed in detail with the Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) and members of the public during the development of the plan. Based on the analyses provided in the Part 2 DP, Molycorp believes that the proposed site meets all regulatory requirements and provides a high margin of safety. However, the public expressed several concerns regarding the proposed cell location. In response to these concerns, we are evaluating other potential cell locations on the Molycorp property that may be more suitable. At some time in the future, probably within the next 6 months, Molycorp will decide whether there is another option for the location of the cell on the Washington property. If so, Molycorp would submit to NRC a supplement to the Part 2 DP that provides the design documentation, and any other regulatory information, required to support this additional cell location option.

We have also enclosed a copy of an addendum to the Site Specific Advisory Board's report that is provided in the Part 2 DP. At the last SSAB meeting, Molycorp agreed to an SSAB request to provide NRC a copy of this addendum with the Part 2 DP.

Please contact me at 724-222-5605, ext. 517, if you have any questions regarding our request.

Sincerely,



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