



Rio Algom

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c/o Document Control Desk
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Performance Based License Application, Appendix D3 - Archaeology
License No: SUA-1548, Docket No: 40-8964
Smith Ranch Facility

Dear Mr. Ting:

On September 27, 2000, Rio Algom Mining Corp. (RAMC) submitted an amendment to its performance based license application in response to a request for additional information from the U.S. NRC. As stated in that submittal, RAMC has reviewed the information provided in the Archeological Reports attached to the license application as Appendix D3. That review determined that a significant portion of the report provides location and historical information of Archeological Resources as defined in 43 CFR §7.3. Therefore, RAMC requests that the NRC consider Appendix D3, in its entirety, to be confidential in compliance with 43 CFR §7.18. Additionally, in order to preserve the confidentiality of the archaeological resource information, RAMC requests that the information located in Appendix D3 be removed from the license application and replaced with the attached page.

If you have any questions, please call me at (405) 858-4807.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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Appendix D-3

Archaeology

To protect any archaeological resource information as required under 43 CFR §7.18 "Confidentiality of archaeological resource information," the information contained in Appendix D3 is exempt from public disclosure under 10 CFR §9.17(a)(3).

South Powder River Basin

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