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Mr. Larry Camper, Chief
Decommissioning Branch
Us Nuclear Regulatory Commission
One White Flint North
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Rockville, MD 28052

Dear Mr. Camper:

I am writing to notify you that Molycorp, Inc. is hereby withdrawing its proposed License Amendment request submitted on July 14, 2000, which provides for on-site disposal as detailed in Part 2 of Molycorp's Decommissioning Plan for the Washington, PA facility. While Molycorp still will decommission the facility as detailed in the approved Decommissioning Plan, Part 1, Molycorp will now dispose of the material off site and will ultimately seek a release of the site for unrestricted use.

However, due to factors beyond the control of Molycorp, Molycorp will not be able to finalize arrangements for off-site disposal and then complete the decommissioning within the time frame generally provided in 10 CFR § 40.42. Accordingly, Molycorp is hereby also requesting an alternate schedule for the completion of decommissioning of the site, pursuant to § 40.42 (h) (2) (i). Molycorp's request for an alternate schedule will not increase the risk to public health and safety and/or the environment. A detailed schedule for the planned activities at Washington will be forwarded within 60 days.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George W. Dawes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "G" and "D".

George W. Dawes
Project Manager

Xc: David Allard, PA DEP

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