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Mr. John H. Austin
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

re: License No. SMB-1393
Docket No. 40-8778

Dear Mr. Austin:

This letter is to discuss the site decommissioning schedule for Molycorp's Washington, PA facility. We would like to suggest the following changes to the schedule listed in your letter of May, 29, 1992 and our response of June 15, 1992:

Submittal of Site Characterization Plan - The original date was listed as September 1, 1992. We are requesting a commitment date of October 1, 1992. We would like to have an additional month to allow our corporate management and staff time to review the consultant's proposal.

Submittal of Site Characterization Report - The original date was listed as May 30, 1993. We would propose stating that the report must be submitted no later than eight (8) months after the Characterization Plan has been approved in writing by the NRC. This will allow us adequate time to prepare the drill holes, take measurements, and publish the findings regardless of the length of time it may take NRC's various departments to review the Characterization Plan. If the NRC were to need 3 months to review and approve, or review, modify, and approve the plan, we would not have sufficient time to gather data and complete the report by May 30, 1993.

Submittal of Site Decommissioning Plan - The original date was listed as November 30, 1993. We propose stating that the Decommissioning Plan be submitted no later than six (6) months after submittal of the Site Characterization Report. Again, this will allow us the full six months to develop the plan after the data has been published.

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Completion of Decommissioning - The original date is listed as May 30, 1995. This still seems a reasonable date for us to have completed the clean up activity.

If this type of scheduling is agreeable to you, we will submit a letter requesting our license be amended to show the above schedule.

Sincerely,



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