

MEETING REPORT

Date: Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Time: 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Place: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
11545 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852
Room T-7A1

Purpose: To discuss a license amendment request for an alternate decommissioning schedule

Attendees: See Attachment A

Background:

In a letter dated March 16, 2001, Molycorp requested a license amendment for an alternate decommissioning schedule. Molycorp included a proposed schedule showing decommissioning activities in a Gantt chart format (see NRC's ADAMS document number ML010820204). The NRC staff did an acceptance review of the request for a license amendment and found that the information provided was not acceptable to begin a technical review (see ADAMS document number ML010860244). The decommissioning activities presented in the Gantt chart were not described in a text format and the staff found that it was not possible to understand the reason for a protracted schedule. Molycorp was invited to participate in an open meeting at NRC headquarters to discuss the level of detail that should be provided in its alternate decommissioning schedule. Molycorp agreed to the meeting and suggested that the financial assurance instruments needed for both its Washington and York facilities also be discussed.

Discussion

Molycorp presented a 3 page summary of its proposed decommissioning schedule (Attachment B) along with a new Gantt chart (Attachment C). Molycorp announced that the first Gantt chart it submitted was not correct and the proposed decommissioning period extends into the year 2006. The NRC staff expressed a number of concerns about the proposed schedule and offered the following comments and suggestions:

- Molycorp should distinguish between its activities and NRC related activities
- Molycorp should explain its phased decommissioning approach (i.e., continuing to produce ferromolybdenum, limited storage space, conformance to license conditions, etc.) and how this affects the schedule
- Molycorp still has not provided enough details about the decommissioning tasks and why they will take the time estimated for completion
- Molycorp should try to shorten the estimated time period for decommissioning by doing more tasks in parallel rather than sequentially

Molycorp agreed to provide the additional justification for the proposed schedule.

Enclosure

The revised financial assurance instruments needed by Molycorp for both the Washington and York facilities were discussed. The NRC staff agreed to the date of May 31, 2001 for submission of the financial assurance instruments as proposed in Molycorp's letter of April 10, 2001 (see ADAMS document number ML011020272).

Attachments:

- A. Meeting Attendees
- B. Summary of D&D Schedule
- C. D&D Gantt Chart

Enclosure