



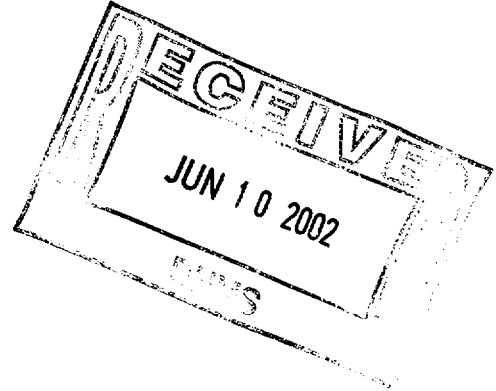
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June 5, 2002

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Re: Response to Inspection 02-01
License SUA-1548
Docket 40-8964

Dear Mr. Cain:

Rio Algom is in receipt of the NRC Inspection Report from your office dated May 17, 2002. Overall the report is accurate, however, Rio Algom would like to take this opportunity to clarify two statements.

First, Section 3.2 "Observations and Findings" states in part,

"During the guided tour it was noted that Wellfields 3, 4, and 4A were in production, and Wellfield 1 was not. Wellfield 1 was being recirculated and awaiting restoration to begin..."

Please note that Wellfield #1 is still in production extracting economic reserves and is not in "re-circulation" as stated in the report.

Second, Section 3.2 "Observations and Findings" states in part,


"License Condition 10.1 states that commercial processing plant operations shall not exceed an average monthly flow rate of 12,000 gallons per minute (gpm), and that the yellowcake production shall not exceed 2 million pounds."

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License Condition 10.1 actually states, "*...annual yellowcake production shall not exceed 3.5 million pounds as U_3O_8 .*" instead of the 2 million pounds written in the inspection report.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please call me at (307) 358-3744, ext. 62.

Sincerely,



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