



# Rio Algom Mining LLC

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Mr. Dan Gillen, Chief  
Fuel Cycle Licensing Branch, NMSS  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Re: **License SUA-1473**  
**Docket No. 40-8905**

Dear Mr. Gillen,

In accordance with license condition #13 of the above referenced source material license, Quivira Mining Company has ten (10) ion exchange columns available at the main facility for use in recovering uranium from mine waters.

Currently, Quivira does not have any units operating underground at the mines or at the Section 35 facility.

If you have any questions, please call me at (505) 287-8851, extension 205.

Regards,

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