

March 27, 2003

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SUBJECT: MINUTES FROM MEETING ON MARCH 24, 2003

Dear Mr. Corte:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the enclosed minutes from the meeting between U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff and Western Nuclear, Inc. attendees on March 24, 2003. Enclosed are the meeting minutes and meeting sign-in sheet.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the NRC staff review, please contact the NRC Project Manager, William von Till, at (301) 415-6251.

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Sincerely,

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Docket: 40-1162

Enclosures:

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2. Meeting Sign-In Sheet

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MINUTES FROM THE MEETING BETWEEN
THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF
AND WESTERN NUCLEAR, INC.
MARCH 24, 2003

On March 24, 2003, staff from the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Division of Waste Management, and the Office of the General Counsel met with representatives from Western Nuclear, Inc. (WNI) in Rockville, Maryland, in room 014 B10 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was noticed as a public meeting on March 7, 2003 (ML030660667). No members of the public were present. This meeting was at the request of WNI to discuss their March 7, 2003, Supplemental Groundwater Modeling Report, Red Mule area issues, and surety issues. The meeting sign-in sheet is enclosed.

WNI and their consultant, MSG, gave a summary of the March 7, 2003, supplement and its conclusions. This submittal is an updated groundwater flow and fate/transport model for the southwest valley portion of the site. Since the NRC just received this report, no substantive technical discussions were conducted other than a few questions from a staff member with the Division of Waste Management regarding calibration of the model and the area that the model incorporated. Discussions were made regarding the proposed change in the long-term care boundary as related to model results. There was additional discussion regarding the Red Mule area as it relates to the new modeling results. Discussion regarding surety issues and an upcoming submittal from WNI was made. No other decisions or commitments were made.

Present at the meeting:

NRC: Bill von Till, Project Manager
Susan Frant, Branch Chief
Mark Thaggard, Division of Waste Management
Maria Schwartz, Office of the General Counsel

WNI: Larry Corte, WNI/Phelps Dodge
Harley Shaver, Counsel to WNI
Tony Thompson, Counsel to WNI
Chris Pugsley, Counsel to WNI
Lou Miller, MSG (Consultant to WNI)