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Via Federal Express

Ms. Susan Frant, Branch Chief
Fuel Cycle Facilities Branch
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Rockville, MD 20852

Attn: Bill von Till, Project Manager

RE: Site Closure Plan for Western Nuclear, Inc. - Split Rock Site, Fremont County, Wyoming
Source Material License SUA-56

Dear Ms. Frant:

On July 17, 2003, representatives from Western Nuclear, Inc., (WNI) met with John V. Corra, Director of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Patrick Tyrrell, the Wyoming State Engineer. The meeting was held with a view toward addressing and resolving concerns identified on their joint letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of June 9, 2003 and the letter from DEQ dated March 17, 2003.

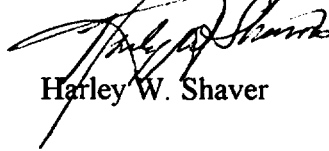
It is believed that a majority of the issues raised in those letters were addressed satisfactorily at the meeting and are no longer of a concern to DEQ. A follow-up meeting between WNI and DEQ is anticipated which, it is hoped, will resolve remaining issues, if any.

Because of the progress made, WNI would request that the NRC take no action with respect to the referenced letters, pending further dialogue between WNI and DEQ. After the next meeting(s) with DEQ, the parties should be able to notify the NRC if there are any remaining

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concerns of DEQ. Do not hesitate to contact Mr. Corra or Mr. Tyrrell to obtain their opinions with respect to this matter.

Very truly yours,



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cc: John V. Corra, Director, Wyo. DEQ
Patrick Tyrrell, Wyo. State Engineer
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