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Code of F heretofore nuclear m authorized Section 1	Pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-438), and the applicable parts of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I, Parts 19, 20, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40, 51, 70, and 71, and in reliance on statements and representations heretofore made by the licensee, a license is hereby issued authorizing the licensee to receive, acquire, possess, and transfer byproduct, source, and special nuclear material designated below; to use such material for the purpose(s) and at the place(s) designated below; to deliver or transfer such material to persons authorized to receive it in accordance with the regulations of the applicable Part(s). This license shall be deemed to contain the conditions specified in Section 183 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and is subject to all applicable rules, regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission now or hereafter in effect and to any conditions specified below.					
	Licensee					
1. Pov	wer Resources, Inc.	3. License Number SUA-1548 Amendment No. 7				
2. P.C	O. Box 1210	4. Expiration Date September 30, 2010				
Gle	enrock, WY 82637	5. Docket No. 40-8964				
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Speci Natu Bypr	6. Byproduct Source, and/or Special Nuclear Material 7. Chemical and/or Physical Form 8. Maximum amount that Licensee May Possess at Any One Time Under This License Natural Uranium Byproduct material as as defined in 10 CFR 40.4 7. Chemical and/or Physical Form 8. Maximum amount that Licensee May Possess at Any One Time Under This License					
9. AD	MINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS					
9.1	which is the primary processing facility, and the Satellite In-situ Leach (ISL) facilities, in Convers Counties, Wyoming, respectively. As satellite fa and Gas Hills facilities shall be limited to shipme	ee's Smith Ranch-Highland Uranium Project (SR-HUP), Highland, Ruth, North Butte, and Gas Hill Project as se, Johnson, Campbell, and Fremont and Natrona acilities, operations at the Highland, Ruth, North Butte, ents of loaded ion exchange (ix) resin or yellowcake ocessing plant at Smith Ranch, as further explained in ents listed in License Condition 9.3.				
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9.2	Cycle Facilities Branch, C/O Document Control	under this license shall be addressed to the Chief, Fuel Desk, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, ds, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11545 , MD 20852-2738.				
	Required telephone notification shall be made to the NRC Operations Center at (301) 816-5100, unless otherwise specified in license conditions.					
9.3	statements contained in the license application a incorporated by reference. These submittals in Project dated November 15, 1999, and May 14, September 27, 2000, and October 12, 2000, Se and February 28, 2002, May 6, 2003, July 09, 2	ance with the commitments, representations, and and/or amendments for each facility, which are hereby clude the following: Smith Ranch and Highland Uranium 1993, respectively, as amended by submittals dated ptember 27, 2001, October 18, 2001, October 22, 2001, 003; Ruth/North Butte license application dated April 1, , 1989, and October 3, 1998, September 24, 1999, and				

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	dated S incorpor	per 11, 1999; and Gas Hills Project application da eptember 24, 1999, November 11, 1999, May 3, rated by reference, except where superseded by	2002, and October 10, 2003, which are hereby
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	Whene\ requirer	ver the word "will" or "shall" is used in the above r nent.	referenced documents, it shall denote a
9.4	(New) C	Change, Test and Experiment License Condition	GULA.
	a.	The licensee may, without obtaining a license ar conditions specified in (b) of this condition:	mendment pursuant to §40.44, and subject to
	i)	make changes in the facility as described in	the license application (as updated),
	ii) make changes in the procedures as desc		ed in the license application (as updated), and
	iii)	conduct test or experiments not described in	the license application (as updated).
	b.	The licensee shall obtain a license amendment proposed change, test or experiment if the chan	
	i)	result in any appreciable increase in the freq evaluated in the license application (as upda	uency of occurrence of an accident previously ited);
	ii)	result in any appreciable increase in the likel structure, system, or component (SSC) impo license application (as updated);	
	iii)	result in any appreciable increase in the conin in the license application (as updated);	sequences of an accident previously evaluated
	iv)	result in any appreciable increase in the con- previously evaluated in the license application	•
	V)	create a possibility for an accident of a differ license application (as updated);	ent type than any previously evaluated in the

vi) create a possibility for a malfunction of an SSC with a different result than previously evaluated in the license application (as updated);

vii) result in a departure from the method of evaluation described in the license application (as updated) used in establishing the final safety evaluation report (FSER) or the environmental assessment (EA) or technical evaluation reports (TERs) or other analyses and evaluations for license amendments.

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- viii) For purposes of this paragraph as applied to this license, SSC means any SSC which has been referenced in a staff SER, TER, EA, or environmental impact statement (EIS) and supplements and amendments thereof.
- c. Additionally the licensee must obtain a license amendment unless the change, test, or experiment is consistent with the NRC conclusions, or the basis of, or analysis leading to, the conclusions of actions, designs, or design configurations analyzed and selected in the site or facility Safety Evaluation Report, TER, and EIS or EA. This would include all supplements and amendments, and TERs, EAs, EISs issued with amendments to this license.
- d. The licensee's determinations concerning (b) and (c) of this condition shall be made by a Safety and Environmental Review Panel (SERP). The SERP shall consist of a minimum of three individuals. One member of the SERP shall have expertise in management (e.g., Plant Manager) and shall be responsible for financial approval for changes; one member shall have expertise in operations and/or construction and shall have responsibility for implementing any operational changes; and, one member shall be the radiation safety officer (RSO) or equivalent, with the responsibility of assuring changes conform to radiation safety and environmental requirements. Additional members may be included in the SERP as appropriate, to address technical aspects such as groundwater hydrology, surface-water hydrology, specific earth sciences, and other technical disciplines. Temporary members or permanent members, other than the three above-specified individuals, may be consultants.
- e. The licensee shall maintain records of any changes made pursuant to this condition until license termination. These records shall include written safety and environmental evaluations made by the SERP that provide the basis for determining changes are in compliance with (b) of this condition. The licensee shall furnish, in an annual report to the NRC, a description of such changes, tests, or experiments, including a summary of the safety and environmental evaluation of each. In addition, the licensee shall annually submit to the NRC, changed pages, which shall include both a change indicator for the area changed, e.g. a bold line vertically drawn in the margin adjacent to the portion actually changed, and a page change identification (date of change or change number or both), to the operations plan and reclamation plan of the approved license application (as updated) to reflect changes made under this condition.

[Applicable Amendment: 2, 3]

9.5 The licensee shall maintain an NRC-approved financial surety arrangement, consistent with 10 CFR 40, Appendix A, Criterion 9, adequate to cover the estimated reclamation and closure costs, if accomplished by a third party, for all existing operations and any planned expansions or operational changes for the upcoming year. Reclamation includes all cited activities and groundwater restoration, as well as off-site disposal of all 11e.(2) byproduct material.

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estimate, the surety arrang	pement if estimated costs exceed the amou	ure (decommissioning) plan and its cost approval, a proposed revision to the financial unt covered in the existing financial surety. Th 30 days of written NRC approval of the surety
be provided t instrument/ve March 26 for approved a p the licensee proposed rev showing a br maintenance	to NRC ninety days prior to the anniversary ehicle) of September 30 of each year for Si Ruth, April 30 for North Butte, and August proposed revision 30 days prior to the expir shall extend the existing arrangement, prio rision or annual update of the surety, the lice	mith Ranch-Highland Uranium Project, 7 for the Gas Hills Project. If NRC has not ration date of the existing surety arrangement, or to expiration, for one year. Along with each censee shall submit supporting documentation cost estimates with adjustments for inflation, anges in engineering plans, activities
change whicl	ays prior to beginning construction associa n was not included in the annual surety upo updated surety to cover the expansion or c	
State of Wyo The licensee NRC-related decontamina analyses, and NRC-approve decommissio NUREG-156	ming, a copy of the State's surety review, a also must ensure that the surety, where a portion of the surety and covers the above tion, the cost of offsite disposal of 11e.(2) of groundwater restoration associated with ed site closure plan or the NRC-approved r oning plan cost estimates, and annual update	byproduct material, soil and water sample the site. The basis for the cost estimate is the
Project, in far purpose of co	vor of the State of Wyoming, in the amoun	approved surety instrument for the Smith Rand t of no less than \$14,456,300.00, for the perion 9, until a replacement is authorized by
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The licensee shall continuously maintain an approved surety instrument for the Highland Uranium Project in the amount of no less than \$21,278,100.00, in favor of the State of Wyoming, for the purpose of complying with 10 CFR 40, Appendix A, Criterion 9, until a replacement is authorized by both the State of Wyoming and the NRC.

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	operation for the p	nsee shall continuously maintain an NRC-appro nal Ruth facility in the amount of no less than \$ urpose of complying with 10 CFR 40, Appendix he State and the NRC.	
	operation Wyoming	nsee shall continuously maintain an NRC-appronal North Butte facility in the amount of no less g, for the purpose of complying with 10 CFR 40 and by both the State and the NRC.	
	operation Wyoming		oved surety instrument for the current non- less than \$639,000.00, in favor of the State of 0, Appendix A, Criterion 9, until a replacement is
	Ruth, No an itemiz for the co approve the State	orth Butte, and Gas Hills Project sites, the licens and cost estimate for implementation of the NR commercial facility. Site construction activities s the surety amount and accept the surety arran	C-approved decommissioning/restoration plan hall not commence until the NRC and State gement. This surety shall be written in favor of omplying with 10 CFR 40, Appendix A, Criterion
	[Applicat	ble Amendment: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]	
9.6	Project, Agreeme agreeme licensee date of e days afte	nsee shall dispose of 11e.(2) byproduct materia Ruth, North Butte, and Gas Hills Project ISL fac ent State to receive 11e.(2) byproduct material. ent must be maintained on-site. In the event the shall notify NRC in writing, in accordance with expiration or termination. A new agreement sha er expiration or termination unless further delay her lixiviant injection.	cilities at a site licensed by NRC or an NRC The licensee's approved waste disposal e agreement expires or is terminated, the License Condition 9.2, within 7 days after the all be submitted for NRC approval within 90
	[Applicat	ble Amendment: 4, 5, 6]	
9.7	U.S. Nuc Facilities Relevant	nduct of its Radiation Protection Program, the clear Regulatory Commission, Regulatory Guid ," 8.30, "Health Physics Surveys in Uranium Re to Ensuring that Occupational Radiation Expo s Reasonably Achievable (ALARA)," or NRC-a	es 8.22, "Bioassay at Uranium Recovery ecovery Facilities," and 8.31, "Information sure at Uranium Recovery Facilities will be As

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9.8	The licensee is hereby exempted from the requirement facility, provided that all entrances to the facility are co §20.1902(e) and with the words, "ANY AREA WITHIN MATERIAL."	nspicuously posted in accordance with	
9.9	Before engaging in any developmental activity not prevadminister a cultural resource inventory. All disturbance will be completed in compliance with the National Histor implementing regulations (36 CFR 800), and the Archa amended) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR 7	ces associated with the proposed development pric Preservation Act (as amended) and its aeological Resources Protection Act (as	
	In order to ensure that no unapproved disturbance of cultural resources occurs, any work resulting in the discovery of previously unknown cultural artifacts shall cease. The artifacts shall be inventoried and evaluated in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800, and no disturbance of the area shall occur until the licensee has received authorization from the NRC to proceed.		
	For the Gas Hills Project, the licensee shall comply wit in the Programmatic Agreement provided in the NRC I Preservation, dated December 16, 2003.		
	[Applicable Amendment: 6]		
9.10	The licensee shall provide buffer zones and construct is recommendations made in its historical consultant's re adverse effects upon historic and prehistoric resources disturbance plans and well-field facility design shall be Management in Mills, Wyoming.	port submitted May 7, 1991, in order to prevent for the state permit area. Land	
9.11	Final (detailed) decommissioning plan(s) for land (soil) review and approval at least 12 months before the plan wellfield or the processing facility.		
9.12	[DELETED by Amendment 5]		
10.	OPERATIONAL LIMITS, CONTROLS, AND RESTRIC	TIONS	
10.1	Smith Ranch-Highland Uranium Project (SR-HUP)		
10.1.1	Commercial processing plant operations for SR-HUP of shall not exceed an average monthly flow rate of 20,00		

flow. Annual yellowcake production shall not exceed 5.5 million pounds as U_3O_8 .

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1	i	ap	e licensee shall maintain effluent control systems as plication dated September 27, 2000, May 6, 200, and ditions:	
	а	a.	If during yellowcake drying operations any emission packaging areas is not performing within the operation unload the dryer as part of the routine operations un returned to service within operational specifications; emission control system has been returned to service	ional specifications, the licensee shall not: (1) ntil the emission control equipment has been or (2) reload the dryer with yellowcake until the

- b. The licensee shall, during all periods of yellowcake drying operations, assure that the specified operating pressure differential is maintained in the drying chamber. This shall be accomplished by either: (1) performing and documenting checks of air pressure differential approximately every 4 hours during operation; or (2) installing instrumentation that will signal an audible alarm if air pressure falls below the specified operating levels. If an audible alarm is used, its operation shall be checked and documented daily during dryer operations. Air pressure differential gauges for other emission control equipment shall be read and the readings documented at least once per shift during dryer operations.
- c. The NRC shall be notified prior to restart of the Highland dryer.

[Applicable Amendment: 5]

10.1.3 The licensee shall perform well integrity tests on each injection and production well before the wells are utilized and on wells that have been serviced using a downhole drill bit or underreaming. The integrity test shall be preformed using techniques approved in the Underground Injection Control program administered by the State of Wyoming and the operations plan of the approved license application. The integrity test shall be performed by pressurizing the well to 125 percent of the maximum operating wellhead casing pressure and shall maintain 90 percent of this pressure for 10 minutes to pass the test. If any well casing failing the integrity test cannot be repaired, the well shall be plugged and abandoned. During wellfield operations, injection pressures shall not exceed the integrity test pressure at the injection well heads.

[Applicable Amendment: 5]

- 10.1.4 The licensee may utilize native groundwater, carbon dioxide, and sodium carbonate/bicarbonate as the lixiviant with an oxygen or hydrogen peroxide oxidant. Any variation from this combination shall require a license amendment.
- 10.1.5 The licensee is prohibited from constructing new Satellite Facilities or waste water evaporation ponds prior to NRC review and approval of designs and specifications. Pond design and operation shall allow for sufficient reserve capacity in the evaporation pond system to enable the transfer of the contents of any one pond to the other ponds. All retention ponds shall be designed to meet requirements of NRC Regulatory Guide 3.11, Staff Position Paper No. WM-8101.

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10.1.6 Radium settling ponds for HUP shall have at least 3 feet of freeboard. The Satellite 1 and Satellite 2 purge storage reservoirs shall have at least 4 feet of freeboard. The licensee shall at all times maintain sufficient capacity in the Satellite 1 purge storage reservoirs to enable transferring the contents of any one radium settling pond to the reservoir. In the event of a radium settling pond leak and subsequent transfer of liquid, the freeboard requirements for the purge storage reservoir may be suspended during the repair period.

[Applicable Amendment: 5]

- 10.1.7 The licensee shall maintain an area within the restricted area boundary for storage of contaminated materials prior to their disposal. All contaminated wastes and evaporation pond residues shall be disposed at a licensed radioactive waste disposal site.
- 10.1.8 All liquid effluents stemming from commercial mine units, process buildings and process waste streams, with the exception of sanitary wastes, shall be returned to the process circuit, discharged to the solution evaporation ponds, pumped to the purge storage reservoirs for disposal via land application or deep well injected.

[Applicable Amendment: 5]

- 10.1.9 Prior to uranium recovery operations, baseline ground water quality data and restoration criteria shall be established for each uranium recovery unit as described in Chapter 5 in the approved license application. The number and location of Perimeter Monitor Wells, Production Zone Monitor Wells, and Upper and Lower Aquifer Monitor Wells shall be installed as described in section 5.1.2 (Monitor Well Spacing) of the License Application. Baseline water quality samples shall be obtained at these wells in accordance with Section 5.1.5.2 (Data Collection) of the License Application for each uranium recovery unit.
 - a. Groundwater restoration goals shall be established on a parameter-by-parameter basis, and the primary goal of restoration shall be to return the groundwater quality, on a uranium recovery unit average, to baseline conditions. Should baseline conditions not be achieved after application of the Best Practicable Technology (BPT) available, the licensee shall commit to a secondary goal of returning the groundwater to a quality consistent with pre-uranium recovery use, or uses, for which the water was suitable prior to ISL uranium recovery activities.
 - b. Prior to commencing ground-water restoration in each well field, the licensee shall, through the SERP process, add wellfields to the wellfield restoration plan in Chapter 6 of the application. The licensee shall be required to demonstrate baseline conditions are not achievable in order to apply any alternate standard of performance. Upon restoration completion of each wellfield, the licensee shall submit a wellfield completion report for NRC review and approval.

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- 10.1.10 The licensee is prohibited from conducting well-field installation in the southwestern part of the State of Wyoming permit area, T35N R74W, excluding Section 2, until aquifer characteristics have been tested, reviewed, and approved by NRC.
- 10.1.11 The licensee is prohibited from using hydrogen sulfide during aquifer restoration prior to implementation of an occupational safety plan using the SERP evaluation process.

10.2 Ruth and North Butte Facilities

- 10.2.1 Before engaging in any commercial in situ leach activity not previously assessed by the NRC, the licensee shall prepare a new operating plan in accordance with the guidance in NUREG-1569 (June 2003), for NRC review and approval, and shall prepare and record an environmental evaluation of such activity. When the evaluation indicates that such activity may result in a significant adverse environmental impact that was not previously assessed or that is greater than that previously assessed, the licensee shall provide a written evaluation of such activities and obtain prior approval of the NRC in the form of a license amendment.
- 10.2.2 The licensee shall perform and document, at the Ruth site, visual inspections of the evaporation pond embankments, fences, and liners, as well a measurements of pond freeboard and checks of the leak detection system. The frequency of those inspections shall be monthly at the Ruth and North Butte sites. Any fluid detected in the standpipes shall be analyzed for chloride, carbonate/bicarbonate, sodium, and uranium. Should analyses indicate that the pond is leaking, the NRC PM shall be notified by telephone or e-mail within 48 hours of verification and the pond level lowered by transferring its content into an alternate cell. Standpipe water quality samples shall be analyzed for the above parameters once every 7 days during the leak period and once every 7 days for at least 2 weeks following repairs.

A written report shall be filed with the NRC within 30 days of first notifying the NRC that a leak exists. This report shall include analytical data and describe the mitigative action and the results of that action.

[Applicable Amendment: 5, 6]

10.3 Gas Hills Project

10.3.1 The licensee shall conduct additional surveys for prairie dog towns and mountain plover prior to the onset of construction activities. If the surveys indicate that prairie dog towns may be impacted by construction activities, the licensee shall consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for guidance on conducting surveys for the black-footed ferret. The surveys for mountain plover shall be conducted between May 1 and June 15 (3 surveys at 14 day intervals), prior to construction to determine the absence/presence of plovers. If plover nests are detected, construction activity within one-quarter mile of the nest shall cease for at least 7 days after nestling hatching.

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10.3.2 Prior to the onset of commercial In situ leach activities, plan, in accordance with the guidance in NUREG-1569	
10.3.3 Prior to the onset of commercial in situ leach activities, of daily visual inspections of the Gas Hills Project evapor including measurements of pond freeboard and checks also describe the actions it will take for fluid detected in the sampling and analysis of standpipe fluids and plans contents to an alternate cell for the conduct of evaporat	oration pond embankments, fences, and liners, of the leak detection system. The licensee shall the leak detection system standpipe, including for the transfer of the evaporation pond

[Applicable Amendment: 6]

11. MONITORING, RECORDING, AND BOOKKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

- 11.1 The effluent and environmental monitoring report shall include injection rates, recovery rates, and injection trunk-line pressures for each satellite facility. This data will be provided as monthly averages for the reporting period.
- 11.2 Any time uranium in a worker's urine specimen exceeds 15 micrograms per liter (ug/l), the annual ALARA audit will indicate what corrective actions were considered or performed.
- 11.3 Any time a uranium action level of 35 ug/l for two consecutive urine specimens or 130 ug/l for any one specimen is reached or exceeded, the licensee shall provide documentation within 30 days to the NRC indicating what corrective actions have been performed.
- 11.4 The licensee shall perform and document daily visual inspections of the Smith Ranch evaporation pond embankments, fences and liners, as well as measurements of pond freeboard and checks of the leak detection system. Any time 6 inches or more of fluid is in the leak detection system standpipes, it shall be analyzed for specific conductance and chloride. If, with a second sample, those parameters confirm a pond leak, then appropriate actions will be taken as described in the approved license application. The pond level shall be lowered by transferring its contents into an alternate cell or to the plant for disposal through deep well injection, and repairs shall be undertaken.
- 11.5 Each monitor well shall be sampled and tested for chloride, conductivity, and bicarbonate or alkalinity on a twice per month basis. If two UCLs are exceeded in a well, the licensee shall take a confirmation water sample within 24 hours and analyze it for the excursion indicators. If the conformation sample indicates that UCLs have been exceeded, the well in question shall be placed on excursion status. During excursion status, sampling and testing frequency shall be increased to weekly for the affected monitor wells until the excursion is controlled.
- 11.6 The licensee shall establish an effluent and environmental monitoring program in accordance with Section 5.3 of the application dated May 6, 2003, as amended.

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11.7 During commercial production, the RSO, RST, or a trained designee shall perform and document a daily walk-through inspection of all operating areas. The inspection's purpose is to ensure that all radiation protection and monitoring requirements are being followed.

12. **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

12.1 Spills, Pond Leaks, Leaks, Excursions, and Incident/Events Reporting

Until license termination, the licensee shall maintain documentation on spills of source or 11e.(2) by product materials (including mining solutions) and process chemicals. Documented information shall include, but not be limited to: date, spill volume, total activity of each radionuclide released, radiological survey results, soil sample results (if taken), corrective actions, results of post remediation surveys (if taken), and a map showing the spill location and the impacted area.

The licensee shall have procedures which will evaluate the consequences of the spill or incident/event against 10 CFR 20, Subpart "M," and 10 CFR 40.60 reporting criteria. If the criteria are met, then report to the NRC Operations Center as required.

If the licensee is required to report any wellfield excursions and spills or pond leaks of source, 11e.(2) byproduct material, and process chemicals that may have an impact on the environment, or any other incidents/events, to State or Federal Agencies, a report shall be made to the NRC Headquarters Project Manager (PM) by telephone or electronic mail (e-mail) within 48 hours. This notification shall be followed, within thirty (30) days of the notification, by submittal of a written report to NRC Headquarters as per License Condition 9.2, detailing the conditions leading to the spill or incident/event, corrective actions taken, and results achieved.

12.2 An annual report will be submitted to the NRC that includes one of the semiannual effluent and environmental monitoring reports, and the SERP information required under LC 9.4(d).

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