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SUA-56, DOCKET NO. 40-1162

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2. Meeting Agenda
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MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: May 17, 2004

TIME: 2:30 pm

PLACE: Executive Tower Hotel Johann Room, Denver, Colorado

PURPOSE: Update Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff regarding Western Nuclear, Inc.'s ongoing tasks for final site closure and license termination, and to brief the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff on new issues related to such tasks

ATTENDEES: Refer to Enclosure 3

DISCUSSION:

This meeting was at the request of Western Nuclear, Inc. (WNI) to discuss issues related to its site closure license amendment which contains a proposal to revise groundwater standards. The meeting was open to the public and three members of the public attended the meeting. The meeting agenda (Enclosure 2) and meeting sign-in sheet (Enclosure 3) are enclosed

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff updated WNI on the review status of WNI's supplemental modeling and information related to characterization surrounding the "Red Mule" area as part of the review of WNI's Site Closure Plan. The NRC staff also discussed the status of a draft environmental assessment (EA) and stated that WNI needed to complete its effort to acquire properties or obtain institutional controls before the staff could complete the review of the Site Closure Plan or complete a draft EA. The NRC staff also discussed schedules and issues related to final license termination. WNI then discussed items related to its financial assurance and a potential proposal to revise the groundwater monitoring wells.

ACTIONS:

WNI will continue to make a "good faith" effort to acquire properties or obtain institutional controls for properties in the path of the groundwater plume. When WNI has exhausted these efforts it will then submit a letter to the NRC with documentation and legal arguments. WNI will decide whether it wants the NRC to review a revision of groundwater monitoring wells. The NRC staff will notify the attorney's for the Red Mule residents in the event of a public meeting and has included them on this correspondence. The NRC will review and respond to WNI's February 16, 2004, letter.

NRC staff then asked if any members of the public had comments or questions. Two members of the public commented on issues related to property acquisition in the "Red Mule" area.

Enclosures: The only hand-out was the agenda, refer to Enclosure 2.



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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS**

MEETING ATTENDANCE FORM

Subject: Western Nuclear, Inc., May 17, 2004, Meeting

Date: May 17, 2004 Location: Executive Tower, Denver, Colorado

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