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ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judge: Thomas Moore, Presiding Officer

In the Matter of:	}
) Docket No.: 40-8968-ML
Hydro Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 777) Date: September 27, 2004
Crownpoint, NM 87313)

HYDRO RESOURCES, INC.'S SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION POTENTIALLY RELEVANT TO THIS PROCEEDING

Hydro Resources, Inc. (HRI), by its undersigned counsel of record, hereby submits this Submission of Information Potentially Relevant to this Proceeding regarding HRI's NRC-licensed *in situ* leach (ISL) uranium mining project at Church Rock, New Mexico.

On May 14, 2004, Intervenors filed a motion requesting that the Presiding Officer direct NRC Staff to supplement the FEIS with respect to Section 17. Intervenors also filed a separate motion with the Commission requesting that NRC Staff be directed to supplement the FEIS with respect to Section 8. On May 26, 2004, the Commission issued an Order referring Intervenors' Motion to supplement the FEIS with respect to Section 8 to the Presiding Officer to be considered in conjunction with Intervenors' Motion to supplement the FEIS with respect to Section 17.

Subsequently, Intervenors' filed an additional motion requesting that the Presiding Officer re-open the administrative record with respect to Section 8 to be considered in conjunction with their Motion to Supplement the FEIS with respect to

Section 8. On June 21, 2004, HRI filed a response to Intervenors' motions. In addition, on June 25, 2004, NRC Staff filed a Response to Intervenors' motions.

The central focus of each of Intervenors' Motions and HRI's and NRC Staff's Responses is the proposed Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) housing project at Ft. Defiance, New Mexico, otherwise known as the Springstead Estates Project (SEP). In HRI's Response to Intervenors' Motions, HRI asserted that the SEP had not yet proceeded beyond a conceptual stage of development that could represent a significant new circumstance warranting a supplement to the FEIS. Based on this factor, HRI stated that Intervenors' claim that a supplemental EIS was warranted for the Sections 8 and 17 Church Rock mining sites was without merit.

By letter dated August 11, 2004 from Everett Ross, Chief Executive Officer of the Ft. Defiance Housing Corporation, to Mr. Mark Pelizza, President of HRI, the Ft. Defiance Housing Corporation notified HRI that, on July 13, 2004, it had signed a Relinquishment of Development Consultant Agreement between itself and Lodgebuilder, Inc. and had reassigned all rights, duties, and responsibilities for the project to the Navajo Nation Housing Authority. By doing so, the Ft. Defiance Housing Corporation has foregone its position as developer for the SEP and, as such, will no longer pursue the development of the SEP unless their assistance is requested by the Navajo Nation Housing Authority.

Therefore, since the above-discussed letter contains information potentially relevant to this proceeding, HRI hereby attaches the above-mentioned letter to the Presiding Officer for his consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Re: Springstead Estates Housing Development

Dear Mark,

This is our notice to you that on 13 July 2004 the Fort Defiance Housing Corporation signed a Relinquishment of Development Consultant Agreement between the Fort Defiance Housing Corporation and Lodgebuilder, Inc. and reassigned all rights, duties, and responsibilities to the Navajo Housing Authority. Prior to this date the Navajo Housing Authority demanded that the title and deed to 83 acres of the Springstead Estates Housing Development be transferred to the Navajo Housing Authority.

It is my understanding that the Navajo Housing Authority has also acquired 410 acres of the Springstead Estates Housing Development from Mr. Aubrey. The balance of the remaining 147 remains with Mr. Aubrey as well as the water rights that accompanied the original sale of the land.

The Fort Defiance Housing Corporation no longer will be involved in the development of housing unless the Navajo Housing Authority should change its mind.

I hope that this information will help you in your quest to develop your leach mining operation.

Sincerely yours,

Everett Ross

Chief Executive Officer

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Hydro Resources, Inc.'s Submission of Information Potentially Relevant to this Proceeding in the above-captioned matter has been served upon the following via electronic mail and U.S. First Class Mail on this 26th day of September, 2004.

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