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Stephen Cohen:

As discussed in our telephone conversation on the morning of Monday, November 14, 2005, the following is a list of preparatory tasks that will require completion prior to the excavation of any contaminated soils around the Catchment Basin at the Sweetwater Uranium Project:

1. Removal of the chain link fencing within the proposed excavation footprint.
2. Installation of a barbed wire fence around the perimeter of the proposed excavation footprint to secure the excavation area.
3. Signing of the fence.
4. Removal of the topsoil pile East of the Catchment Basin, since it lies within the proposed excavation footprint. The topsoil in this pile will be moved to a temporary storage pile.
5. Removal of any topsoil East of the Catchment Basin and East of the facility's chain link fence as this topsoil overlies the proposed excavation footprint. This topsoil will be placed in a temporary stockpile.
6. Replacement of a section (approximately 250 foot long) of buried fire water line removed during the diesel contaminated soil excavation work West of the Mill Building. Replacement of this section of line will allow maintenance of fire water/fire protection to the facility since a section of the existing fire water loop crosses the proposed excavation footprint and will have to be removed during the course of the excavation.
7. Removal of a fire hose station North of the Catchment Basin.
8. Removal of electrical and piping connections to a potable water well (PWW-2) which may be involved in the excavation.
9. Installation of a shower/change/monitoring/personnel decontamination trailer South of the Catchment Basin in a gap in the Southern section of the facility's chain link fence. This installation will include the installation of a "gray water" holding tank that will store wash/shower water so that it can be pumped to the tailings impoundment. The trailer will be connected to a septic system, the site's water supply and to an electrical service. This trailer is required to provide a place for excavation workers to monitor, change, shower (if required) and launder work clothes.
- 10 Removal of other items in the area that will be an impediment to the excavation work.

Kennecott Uranium Company provided ninety (90) days notice of intent to excavate on Thursday, October 6, 2005. Kennecott Uranium Company plans on commencing excavation of contaminated materials as soon as possible after January 6, 2006. A contractor to perform the work has been selected. The contractor is Archer Construction, Inc. of Riverton, Wyoming. Radiation training for the contractor's employees is being scheduled for the first week of January 2006 prior to the commencement of any handling of contaminated materials.

Kennecott Uranium Company is requesting approval to complete the above listed preparatory items as soon as possible since they do not involve handling of contaminated/licensed materials and must be performed prior to the actual excavation of contaminated materials currently scheduled to commence as soon as possible after January 6, 2006.

Thank you!

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