

March 21, 2006

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Sincerely,

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Docket No.: 40-8102
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ExxonMobil Highland Site Meeting Summary

Date/Time of Meeting: March 15, 2006, 10:00 a.m. EST

Location of Meeting: Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Two White Flint North
Room T8C1

Agenda: Attachment 1

Attendees: Attachment 2

Summary:

The meeting was held at ExxonMobil Refining and Supply Company's (ExxonMobil's) request to discuss several issues related to termination of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) license for the Highland facility in Wyoming. ExxonMobil staff discussed the history of the site and the reclamation and informed the NRC staff that three new wells (wells MFG-1, MFG-2, and MFG-3) had been drilled near the southeast site boundary because an existing well (well 148) has been dry. Elevated levels of sulfate and uranium were seen in two of the new wells. As a result, ExxonMobil is proposing to drill three wells along a buried alluvial channel outside the site boundary to determine if contamination has migrated there. ExxonMobil is currently negotiating with the property owner for permission to install the wells.

ExxonMobil staff also discussed the area around the former open pit mine to the west of the tailings disposal cell. A lake exists in the pit with water levels continuing to rise, although the licensee's calculations show that the long-term water level will be well below any potential outlet. However, the water in the lake is contaminated, with some of the contamination derived from the tailings. As a result, ExxonMobil stated that it will revise the proposed boundary of the site proposed for transfer to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) at license termination to include the area around the pit lake. ExxonMobil stated that it was proposing to have its license terminated and the site transferred to DOE in 2007 but recognized that was a very optimistic estimate.

The meeting concluded at 11:30 am.

Attachments:

1. Meeting agenda
2. Meeting attendance list

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MEETING AGENDA
ExxonMobil Refining & Supply Company
Wednesday, March 15, 2006
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

MEETING PURPOSE: To discuss termination of the ExxonMobil Highland license

MEETING PROCESS:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Lead</u>
10:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductory Remarks	Moderator
	Introductions	All
	History of Site	Licensee
	Surface Reclamation Issues	Licensee
	Groundwater Issues	Licensee
	Long-Term Boundary Discussion	Licensee
	Remaining Issues for License Termination	Licensee
	Proposed Time Line	Licensee
	Summary of Action Items	Moderator
	Public Comment/Questions	Moderator
11:00 a.m.	Adjourn	

MEETING ATTENDEES

Date: March 15, 2006

Topic: ExxonMobil Refining & Supply Company
Discuss termination of Highland license

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