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MEETING REPORT

DATE: August 22, 2006

TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Headquarters
One White Flint North
11555 Rockville Pike, Room O14B8
Rockville, MD 20852

PURPOSE: To discuss the transfer of the Sweetwater Project license from Kennecott Uranium Company to srx Uranium One, Inc.

ATTENDEES: Refer to Attachment A

BACKGROUND: Rio Tinto Energy America (Rio Tinto) is intending to sell the Kennecott Uranium Company's Sweetwater uranium mill near Rawlins, WY, to srx Uranium One, Inc. (Uranium One) pending the results of its due diligence. A sale of the Sweetwater mill will require a license transfer from the Kennecott Uranium Company to Uranium One.

DISCUSSION:

After the welcome remarks and introductions, representatives from Rio Tinto and Uranium One briefly explained the nature of the transaction and basic timelines. Rio Tinto stated that it offered Uranium One the opportunity to perform due diligence and purchase the mill and gave Uranium One a 6-month deadline to complete its due diligence (January 2007). Uranium One stated that it would likely complete its due diligence by the end of 2006 and would likely complete the sale by January 2007. Uranium One would like to begin mill operations as soon as possible, thereafter.

NRC staff then discussed the steps for license transfer including, receiving a written request for license transfer from Kennecott Uranium Company, performing an acceptance review, reviewing and approving the surety documents, and transferring the license.

Key parts of the amendment request are the personnel and management chain at Uranium One, and the surety document. NRC staff cannot transfer the license to Uranium One unless a surety is in place. Once Uranium One's surety documents are in place, NRC would transfer the license and release Kennecott Uranium Company's surety.

Surety reviews can be performed in two stages. First, the surety can be transferred to Uranium One; then it can be updated, if Uranium One decides to alter or increase its operations.

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ACTIONS:

- NRC - Confer with surety review personnel to obtain backlog and additional guidance regarding surety preparation. Staff subsequently met with surety review personnel. They stated that reviews are usually performed within 90 days. Uranium One can submit a draft document for review before submitting the actual surety.
- NRC - Confer with the Office of the General Counsel regarding license transfer timing.
- NRC - Confer with Region IV regarding transfer of Kennecott Uranium Company's Part 30 license for gauges. Staff subsequently spoke with Region IV regarding this license, and they stated that Region IV must transfer the license, not headquarters. Also the Part 30 license cannot be rolled into the Part 40 license.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Attendance List
2. Press Release Regarding Acquisition Agreement



MEETING ATTENDEES

Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2006, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Topic: Transfer of Sweetwater Project License from Kennecott Uranium Company to SXR Uranium One, Inc.

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