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**Request to Amend Materials License SMB-1393
Molycorp Washington, PA Decommissioning Project**

Dear Mr. Webb:

This letter is a request to amend the Molycorp, Inc. (Molycorp) Materials License SMB-1393, Condition 15, subpart G, which requires Molycorp to excavate contaminated slags and soils and transport them off-site to an authorized facility and complete decommissioning activities by the end of 2007. Molycorp will require one additional year (end of 2008) to complete the decommissioning activities. No other amendment to the license is requested.

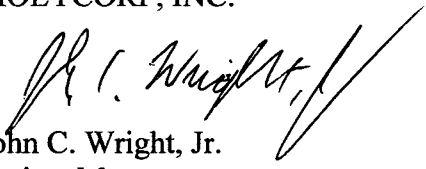
As you are aware, Molycorp is actively engaged in the decommissioning of the Washington, PA facility. We were ready to begin field work in the early fall of 2005, and in fact conducted a Pre-Startup, Introduction of Site Contractors, and Review of Planned Decommissioning Work meeting with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) at the Southwest Regional Office of PADEP on September 20, 2005. However, delays in obtaining the required permits from PADEP forced a delay in the start of field work.

Molycorp began decommissioning work in the field on April 3, 2006. Our current schedule anticipates the completion of excavation and transport of contaminated slags and soils to US Ecology's Grand View, Idaho disposal facility by mid-2008. We are requesting a license amendment to the end of 2008 to allow for any unforeseen delays in the execution of the Site's decommissioning activities.

I trust this request will be acceptable to the NRC. Please do not hesitate to contact me should the NRC need any additional information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

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