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Mr. Richard Chancellor
State of Wyoming
Department of Environmental Quality
Land Quality Division
Herschler Building
122 West 25th Street
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82202

Dear Mr. Chancellor:

SUBJECT: MINUTES FROM JUNE 23, 1994, MEETING ON AMERICAN NUCLEAR CORPORATION'S DECISION TO DISCONTINUE OPERATIONS AT GAS HILLS, WYOMING, SITE AND GO OUT OF BUSINESS

Enclosed for your information is a report of the June 23, 1994, meeting between staff members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality and Office of the Attorney General. The meeting was held to discuss American Nuclear Corporation's decision to go out-of-business and discontinue operations at its Gas Hills, Wyoming site.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed meeting report, please contact Mr. Ken Hooks of my staff at (301) 415-7777.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosures: As stated

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MEETING WITH THE STATE OF WYOMING ON AMERICAN NUCLEAR CORPORATION GAS HILLS

Purpose: To discuss American Nuclear Corporation's recent decision to discontinue operations at its Gas Hills, Wyoming site and go out-of-business.

Date: June 23, 1994

Place: Herschler Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Attendees: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Michael Finkelstein, OGC

Daniel Gillen, NMSS

Edward Hawkins, URFO

Kenneth Hooks, NMSS

State of Wyoming

Rick Chancellor

Mark Moxley

Steve Platt

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Land Quality Division (LQD)

Tom Roan, Office of the Attorney General

Discussion:

NRC's Division of Waste Management and Office of the General Counsel staff met with members of the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Office of the Attorney General on June 23, 1994, in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current status of and future plans for the Gas Hills site given American Nuclear Corporation's (ANC) stated intent to discontinue operations. DEQ indicated that it is continuing bond forfeiture proceedings which could take four to five months to complete, and that it will then act as licensee to complete the necessary reclamation. DEQ will send a letter to the NRC clarifying this intent and indicating its potential concerns, such as waving of NRC license review fees and DEQ access to Energy Policy Act of 1992 Title X money. The NRC staff provided DEQ with a copy of a letter it had sent to the U.S. Department of Energy requesting that all Title X payments for the ANC site be made to DEQ to support reclamation. In the meantime, DEQ has indicated that it will: 1) contact ANC to determine the current status of questions asked by the staff on changes submitted by ANC on the approved reclamation plan design; 2) assume the responsibility to conduct limited monitoring activities at the Gas Hills site; and 3) work with the NRC to finalize the reclamation plan in an effort to be ready to begin site work in the Spring of 1995.