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July 9, 2007

Mr. Lawrence J. Corte
President,
Western Nuclear Inc.,
2801 Youngfield, Suite 340,
Golden, CO 80401

RE: 2006 First and Second Half, Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring Reports,
Split Rock Uranium Mill Tailings Facility,
Source Material License SUA-56

Dear Mr. Corte:

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ), Water Quality Division (WQD) has reviewed the above referenced reports providing the results of 2006 surface and groundwater sampling and analytical results for the Split Rock Mill Site. We appreciate being included on the mailing list and the opportunity to review this data.

Unfortunately the data provided was only for the two sampling events in 2006, no historic data was provided in order to evaluate any trends in the data. After a brief review of historic well and surface water data from other reports, it did not appear there were any spikes or obvious evidence of contaminant migration. It would be helpful if historic data was included in future reports to aid in the analysis of the data.

We have no further comments or concerns about this report at this time. Please contact me at 307/335-6959 or at the address provided if you have any questions or comments on this letter, or if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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