

July 22, 2008

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM
WITH RESPECT TO MATERIALS LICENSE NO SUA-1473

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The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has reviewed your request and accepts the proposed relocation of the environmental station. The relocation of the environmental station is consistent with the environmental program monitoring requirements, and offers no decrease in public health or safety. Once relocated, the NRC staff concurs with the licensee's assessment that the environmental data collected from the proposed location will be similar and consistent with the environmental data collected in previous monitoring periods during reclamation activities.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (301) 415-5869 or via e-mail to Thomas.mclaughlin@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

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