

December 10, 2008

Mr. Lawrence J. Corte, President  
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SUBJECT: LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR WESTERN NUCLEAR, INC., SPLIT  
ROCK MILL, SOURCE MATERIALS LICENSE SUA-56 (TAC J00577)

Dear Mr. Corte:

By letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated December 1, 2008, Western Nuclear, Inc. submitted a license amendment request for its Split Rock Mill located in Jeffrey City, Wyoming.

The NRC staff has completed its acceptance review of your application to amend your license and identified two areas where information is needed. Specifically, per 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 51.60, an environmental report needs to be submitted with this license amendment request. Additionally, per 10 CFR 40, Appendix A, Criterion 5B(6), an as low as reasonably achievable discussion needs to be made for the requested selenium standard. These points were discussed with Lou Miller, Western Nuclear Inc.'s designated contact, on December 5, 2008. Mr. Miller committed to submit the needed information as a supplement to the December 1, 2008, amendment request within 30 calendar days. Therefore, this request has been conditionally accepted for formal review, on the condition that the supplement to the December 1, 2008 amendment request is received within 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please note that the complete technical review may identify omissions in the submittal that may require additional information.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-7188, or by e-mail, at [richard.chang@nrc.gov](mailto:richard.chang@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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