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April 16, 2009

Tom McLaughlin, Project Manager
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop T-8F5
Washington, DC 20555

Re: License SUA-1473, Docket No. 40-8905
Change of RSO

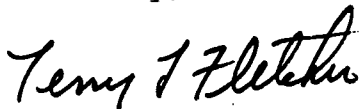
Dear Mr. McLaughlin,

Mr. Don Sweeney, current site RSO, has retired from Rio Algom's employment. He is presently under contract for technical advice and to provide a through and orderly transition of site activities.

Mr. Chuck Wentz has been employed by Rio Algom and is designated RSO as of May 1, 2009. Chuck has over 22 years experience as site RSO at uranium recovery facilities, as well as a degree for the Colorado School of Mines. For your convenience I have attached Chuck's resume.

As always, Rio Algom is committed to providing quality employees and to administering our regulatory programs to the highest standards. Should you have any questions please call me at 505-287-8851 x 11 or email terry.fletcher@bhpbilliton.com.

Sincerely,



Terry Fletcher
President

RESUME

Charles N. Wentz



EXPERIENCE

Rio Algom Mining LLC

2009 – Present

Grants, NM

Environmental Department Supervisor/Radiation Safety Officer

Supervise environmental and occupational health programs for Rio Algom Mining's Ambrosia Lake, NM and Lisbon, UT properties. Renewed Radiation Safety Officer certification March 2009.

Charles N. Wentz

2005 – 2008

Consulting-Uranium Industry George West, TX

Activities involved environmental water, soil, and air sampling. Also performed general radiation and safety training for employees and mentoring for new RSO (Radiation Safety Officer) personnel. Renewed Radiation Safety Officer certification October 2006.

US Steel Corporation

2001 – 2005

Manager – Legacy Affairs

Pittsburgh, PA

Finalized release of all Texas (Department of Health) and US Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements for US Steel's Texas Uranium Operations. Maintained Legacy Directory for Environmental Affairs. Managed or assisted in managing several Legacy Projects.

USX/Texas Uranium Operations

1987 – 2001

Manager – Operations

George West, TX

Managed the restoration of the aquifers at the Clay West and Burns Ranch well fields and assisted in obtaining final aquifer releases from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC). Completed the surface reclamation and facility decontamination for all areas of operation. Renewed Radiation Safety Officer certification May 1992.

US Steel /Texas Uranium Operations

1980 – 1987

Field Engineer/Assistant Manager – Env. Affairs

Conducted bench scale and field scale studies on uranium leaching and the use of ion exchange resins for the extraction of uranium from production solutions. Studied the use of ion exchange for radium removal from restoration flow streams, conducted molybdenum separation techniques on rich eluate solution. Initiated restoration by ground water sweeping and reverse osmosis. New miner training in June 1980, Mine Safety and Health Administration Instructor training in June 1986, and Radiation Safety Officer certification in 1987.

Resume: Charles N. Wentz (Continued)

EXPERIENCE

Colorado School of Mines Research Institute

1974 – 1980 Project Manager Golden, CO

Performed uranium heap leach studies, pilot scale and field scale evaluations. Bench scale leach studies on copper, uranium, gold, and zinc ores. Solvent extraction studies for copper solutions, ion exchange extraction of uranium from leach liquors. Coal flotation studies and magnetic separation tests.

Coronado Gold and Silver Corporation

July to October 1974 Mill Superintendent Platoro, Colorado

In charge of mill house crushing, grinding, and flotation units. Mill closed due to an extended strike at a smelter facility.

American Smelting and Refining Company

1970 – 1974 Assistant Department Head Corpus Christi, TX

Worked in Sulfide Leach and Cadmium Precipitation Department. Also worked in Oxide Leach Cell House Department and Pilot Plant. Conducted Jarosite leach and precipitation tests.

United States Army

1968 – 1970 Sergeant Viet Nam Veteran

EDUCATION

Colorado School of Mines

1963 – 1968 Mineral Engineering - Chemistry Golden, CO

PUBLICATIONS

Trends in Recycling Scrap – Sources of Secondary Metals, C.N. Wentz (Colorado School of Mines Research Institute), 1976, paper presented at 1976 National Western Mining Conference and Exhibition, Denver Colorado

Heap Leaching of Uranium Ore, Charles N. Wentz, Robert C. Merritt, and Hal D. Peterson (Work funded by U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines), paper presented at AIME Annual Meeting, February 1979, New Orleans, LA.

TRAINING

RSO, MSHA Trainer Training
HAZMAT, HAZWOPER (Not Current), First Aid/CPR (2006)