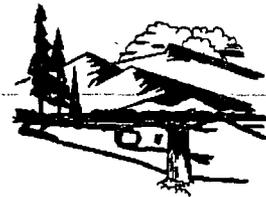




# Department of Environmental Quality



To protect, conserve and enhance the quality of Wyoming's environment for the benefit of current and future generations.

Dave Freudenthal, Governor

John Corra, Director

August 26, 2009

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

RE: Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring Report,  
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 report dated August 17, 2009, that provides the surface and groundwater sampling and analytical results for the first half (May 12 and 13, 2009) of 2009 at the Split Rock Mill Site. We appreciate being included on the mailing list and the opportunity to review this data. Based on the data provided, it appears the contaminated groundwater plumes are acting as modeled and anticipated.

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. We look forward to reviewing future reports.

Sincerely,

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West District Supervisor  
Groundwater Program  
Water Quality Division



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