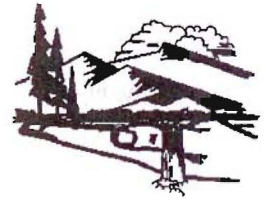




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December 2, 2010

Mr. Lawrence J. Corte
President
Western Nuclear Inc.,
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RE: Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring Report,
Split Rock Uranium Mill Tailings Facility,
Source Material License SUA-56, November 10, 2010

Dear Mr. Corte:

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ), Water Quality Division (WQD) reviewed the above referenced report providing the surface and groundwater sampling and analytical results for the second half (September 8, 2010) of 2010 at the Split Rock Mill Site.

As noted previously, inclusion of the following elements would be in evaluating the data and request that subsequent report submittals include the following elements:

- a potentiometric map of groundwater at the site
- a line plotting the approved ACL level for the identified constituent on each graph for time and constituent level plots/graphs

In addition, as noted previously, the time versus concentration graphs in this report include graphs for several wells not located on *Figure 1, Surface Water and Ground Water Monitoring Locations*, i.e. Well-1 and Well-4R. Please clarify which wells these are, and, if they are locations not included on Figure 1, please include the locations on subsequent submittals. This error was not corrected in this most recent report.

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Thank you for including the WDEQ on the mailing list and giving us the opportunity to review this data. You may contact me at 307/335-6980 with any questions or comments on this letter. We look forward to reviewing future reports.

Sincerely,



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