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MEETING REPORT

DATE: March 18, 2013

TIME: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Eastern)

PLACE: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Two White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland
Room T8C5C

PURPOSE: Discuss Hydro Resources, Inc. License Renewal

ATTENDEES: SEE ATTACHED ATTENDEE LIST

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this meeting was for Hydro Resources, Inc. (HRI) to discuss its plans for license renewal of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) License SUA-1580, Crownpoint Uranium Project. This meeting was publicly announced on NRC's public webpage on March 5, 2013. The meeting started at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time at NRC Headquarters, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, Room T8C5C. An opening statement was read by Ron Linton, NRC. Participants then introduced themselves.

DISCUSSION:

HRI discussed its March 14, 2013, submission of the revised Consolidated Operations Plan (COP), version 3.0, and the revised Environmental Report (ER) to the NRC to supplement its request for renewal of NRC license SUA-1580. HRI stated its COP version 3.0 is essentially the same as COP version 2.0 that was approved by the NRC in 1998 and subject to extensive litigation. There are no additions or deletions to the project. However, some options, such as the land disposal option, have been eliminated. HRI stressed there were no material changes between COP version 2.0 and COP version 3.0; the COP was primarily refreshed and updated. HRI stated the ER was updated and supplements the previous ER submitted for the original licensing.

HRI presented the staff with a checklist in table format that is based on NUREG-1569, "Standard Review Plan for In Situ Leach Uranium Extraction License Applications". The checklist cross references locations where information related to each NUREG-1569 chapter topic could be found in the COP, ER, NRC's 1997 Final Environmental Impact Statement and other documents. NRC staff informed the licensee and meeting participants that the checklist, the revised COP version 3.0 and the revised ER would be publicly available as soon as the NRC Document Control staff can get the documents replicated in NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) and NRC staff can complete a review of the documents for potential sensitive information that may need to be withheld from public view. HRI stated that they have not requested any information in the COP or ER be withheld from public view. NRC staff will inform the licensee and meeting participants when the documents are publicly available.

Enclosure

No licensing decisions were made or agreed to by NRC or HRI during this meeting.

The business portion of the meeting was closed at 3:10 p.m. and NRC staff asked for any comments by members of the public who were in attendance.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

There were questions related to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 process and how this process was conducted in the past and how it would be conducted during this review. NRC staff stated the NHPA process would be conducted as required by the NHPA and following NRC procedures. There was a question related to the availability of the COP and ER in ADAMS. NRC staff stated that meeting participants would be notified when the documents become publically available. There was a question asking if the COP and ER were written in plain language. NRC staff and meeting participants discussed that the plain language requirements are specific to government documents and not to those submitted by HRI. A member of the public also requested that hard copies of the COP and ER be made available at the Diné College in Crownpoint, NM. NRC staff stated it would follow up with the licensee and the college to see if a hard copy could be placed there.

ACTION ITEMS:

NRC will provide a summary of the meeting by April 29, 2013.

NRC staff will inform the licensee and meeting participants when the checklist, revised COP version 3.0 and revised ER are publicly available.

NRC staff will attempt to place a hard copy of the checklist, revised COP version 3.0 and revised ER at the Diné College in Crownpoint, NM.

The meeting and teleconference ended at approximately 3:30 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Attendee list
2. Meeting agenda



MEETING ATTENDEES

Date: March 18, 2013

Topic: Discuss HRI License Renewal

NAME	AFFILIATION
Ashley Waldron	NRC
Jim Park	NRC
Jim Webb	NRC
Ron Linton	NRC
Mark Pelizza	HRI
Jill Grant	Nordhaus Law Firm – Navajo Nation
Chris Pugsley	Thompson & Pugsley
David Taylor*	Navajo Nation Department of Justice
Leona Morgan*	Eastern Navajo Diné Against Uranium Mining (ENDAUM)
Jonathan Perry*	ENDAUM
Beth Kelly*	WWC Engineering
Robert Tohe*	Sierra Club
Kathy Helms*	Gallup Independent
Eric Jantz*	New Mexico Environmental Law Center

*Attended via phone

MEETING AGENDA
Hydro Resources, Inc.
March 18, 2013
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MEETING PURPOSE: To discuss license renewal for the Hydro Resources, Inc.,
Crownpoint Uranium Project, Crownpoint, New Mexico.

MEETING PROCESS:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Lead</u>
2:00 p.m.	Introductions	All
2:05 p.m.	Discussion of Consolidated Operations Plan update	HRI
	Discussion on Environmental Report update	
3:30 p.m.	Summary of Action Items	NRC
3:45 p.m.	Public comment/Questions	All
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn	