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May 17, 2013

**CERTIFIED MAIL
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Attn: Document Control Desk, Deputy Director
Decommissioning and Uranium Recovery Licensing Directorate
Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection
Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs
Mailstop T8-F5
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Source Materials License SUA-1534
Docket No. 40-8943
Noncompliance with Evaporation Pond Monitoring Requirements

Dear Deputy Director:

License Condition 11.4 of the NRC License SUA – 1534, requires the licensee to perform and document pond inspections in accordance with the revised February 5, 1996, Evaporation Pond Inspection Program. The Evaporation Pond Inspection Program requires the licensee to perform daily inspections of the pond depth and pond embankments. On April 23, 2013, while doing the daily pond inspection it was noted that the ponds had not been inspected the day before. On April 22, 2013, the site had a scheduled shut down to make repairs to the downflow IX system. During this shut down the Operator assigned to do the daily pond inspection was busy helping with the repairs and inadvertently missed performing the inspection.

License Condition 12.2 requires 48 hour notification of a noncompliance with the license conditions, followed by a written report within thirty days. SHEQ Manager Larry Teahon notified Mr. Ron Burrows, NRC Project Manager, of the nonconformance on April 24, 2013.

This incident was investigated through the CBO corrective action process and disciplinary action was taken against the responsible parties involved in the incident. The investigation also concluded that no environmental harm had occurred as a result of this incident.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (308) 665-2215 ext. 112.

Sincerely,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Pavlick'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Doug Pavlick
General Manager

cc: CBO-File

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