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Docket No. 40-8857
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Docket File No. 40-8857

FROM: Cynthia D. Miller-Corbett, Project Manager

SUBJECT: POWER RESOURCES, INC.: WITHDRAWAL OF LICENSE AMENDMENT
REQUEST FOR PARTIAL EXEMPTION OF LONG-TERM SURVEILLANCE FEE
FOR BYPRODUCT MATERIAL DISPOSAL SITE

On January 27, 1992, Power Resources, Inc. (PRI) met with the Director, Deputy Director, and select staff of the NRC to discuss the licensee's plans for requesting an amendment to SUA-1511, to allow construction of an onsite, in situ byproduct material disposal facility for joint use. A request for an amendment to allow construction and operation of the in situ byproduct material disposal facility at the Highland Uranium Project, Converse County, Wyoming, was submitted to the NRC by letter dated May 6, 1992. This letter also noted the licensee's intent to pursue an exemption (reduction) in the minimum fee for long-term surveillance that is required by Criterion 10 of 10 CFR Part 40. Prior to the May 6, 1992, submittal, by letter dated February 20, 1992, and with respect to the proposed disposal facility, PRI had requested the NRC grant a waiver of Criterion 10 of 10 CFR 40 which requires payment of a minimum charge of \$250,00 (1978 dollars) at the time a byproduct material disposal facility closes. Subsequently, by letter dated April 27, 1992, the licensee submitted a revision to their initial request for a fee waiver. The revised request sought a reduction in the minimum fee for long-term surveillance. This request was based on the licensee's belief that the long-term monitoring and surveillance costs proposed in the "Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Uranium Milling", published by the NRC in September 1980, are not completely applicable to the proposed disposal site.

By letter dated November 4, 1992, Power Resources, Inc. (PRI) has requested a withdrawal of their request dated May 6, 1992, for an amendment to SUA-1511. The licensee states that it is their intent to pursue resolution of the issue concerning long-term surveillance fees for an in situ byproduct material disposal facility through the public comment process provided by the Announcement of Notification of Proposed Rule Making. This document was published in the October 28, 1992 Federal Register.

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The effect of withdrawing the licensee's request for the amendment described above is to terminate all licensing actions related to review and approval of construction and operation plans for the disposal facility. Moreover, this withdrawal terminates all actions associated with review and approval of the licensee's request for an exemption in the long-term surveillance fee for the proposed byproduct material disposal site. No further licensing action is required at this time.



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