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Re: Uranerz Energy Corporation Nichols Ranch ISR Project, WDEQ-LQD Permit to Mine No. 778 and NRC SUA-1597 Quarterly Report

Dear Mr. Rogaczewski and Mr. Persinko,

This report replaces the Quarterly Report submitted under cover letter dated October 10, 2013 which inadvertently was missing page 2 of 3. The NRC had notified Uranerz about the missing page on October 23, 2013.

Pursuant to the Permit to Mine No. 778 and SUA-1597 License Condition 11.1, quarterly reporting is required. Review of WDEQ-LQD rules and regulations and the permit, compared to NRC license conditions shows similar reporting requirements in addition to the requirement to provide courtesy copies to each agency. Uranerz has therefore, in an effort to reduce redundant reporting and our environmental footprint with duplicate paper copies, combined the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality – Land Quality Division quarterly report with the NRC License SUA-1597 quarterly report.

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If you have any questions regarding the provided information, please contact me at 307-265-8900 or by email at mthomas@uranerz.com.

Sincerely,



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3rd Quarter 2013 Report

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3rd Quarter 2013 Report – Nichols Ranch ISR Project WDEQ-LQD Permit to Mine No. 778 and NRC License SUA-1597

Introduction

Uranerz Energy Corporation (Uranerz) received its Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality – Land Quality Division Permit to Mine No. 778 on December 29, 2010. On July 19, 2011 Source Material License SUA-1597 was issued to Uranerz by the NRC. Construction of the Nichols Ranch CPP and Production Area #1 commenced August 2, 2011. The following highlights activity that occurred during the quarter:

Nichols Ranch Unit

- Construction in the Central Processing Plant (CPP) continued during the report period and is in the final stages of completion.
- Construction of the domestic water system commenced during the quarter. The permit to construct was received from the WDEQ-WQD in July, 2013.
- Wellfield development progressed during the quarter, and activities included:
 - Pipeline installation from header house 3 to the main trunkline was completed.
 - Installation of flow lines to header house 3 was completed.
 - Work in header houses 1 through 3 continued.
 - Header house 4 foundation and building were installed
- Interim reclamation in the area of header houses 1 through 4 continued during the period.
- Drilling and installation of two deep disposal wells, NICH DW 4 and NICH DW 1, began. NICH DW 1 was completed, tested and a final report will be submitted to WDEQ-WQD. NICH DW 4 was completed and testing will start early 4th Quarter, 2013. Following testing of NICH DW 4 a final report will be submitted to WDEQ-WQD for approval.
- The WDEQ- LQD and WQD visited the site in July, 2013 and WQD performed an inspection of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. The inspection resulted in no findings.

Hank Unit

- No activities took place at the Hank Unit.
- The Environmental Assessment (EA) submitted to the Buffalo Wyoming Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office pends approval. Approval has been delayed due to the BLM Section 106 consultation process which must be completed in order to approve the EA.

Monitoring

The upper control limits (UCLs) and restoration target values (RTVs) for the Nichols Ranch Production Area #1 (PA#1) were submitted to LQD and NRC in February, 2013. LQD approved PA#1 in June, 2013. The NRC approved PA#1 in September, 2013.

Excursion Parameters, Corrective Actions, Well Status

There was no injection of fluids in the 3rd Quarter 2013, hence there was no excursion monitoring and there are no excursions to report for the period.

Well Installation

Well installation activities resumed in July, 2013 with one drill rig. Activities included the completion of fourteen (14) Class III wells in PA#1. Drilling was suspended in September, 2013 to allow site employees to focus on completing activities associated with starting up Nichols Ranch. Well completion details are available at the mine site and will be provided in the annual report.

Mechanical Integrity Testing

The WDEQ-LQD Permit to Mine No. 778 requires mechanical integrity test (MIT) results, for wells, to be reported quarterly. NRC License Condition 11.1B requires a summary of MIT results semi-annually; however, the MIT information remains the same regardless of the reporting timeframe and will therefore just be a more frequent reporting than required. The MIT procedure is followed pursuant to Section 3.6 of WDEQ-LQD Mine Plan, Volume V (NRC License Application Volume I, Section 3.4). Results of the MITs are maintained on site and include the signature of the individual responsible for conducting the test.

There were no Class III wells tested for mechanical integrity during the report period. The wells completed in the 3rd Quarter will be MIT'd the next quarter.

Defective Wells and Well Repair

No wells failed during the report period. Additionally, there were no wells requiring repair during the report period.

Plug and abandonment of wells is performed in accordance with Permit to Mine No. 778, Volume V, Mine Plan Section 3.8, and in accordance with Wyoming Statute 35-11-404 (described in NRC License Application Volume I Section 6.1). Well abandonment reports will be submitted in the WDEQ-LQD Annual Report as required by Permit to Mine No. 778. No plug and abandonment activities occurred during the quarter.

CERTIFICATION

This certification is required by WDEQ-LQD Non-Coal Rules and Regulations Chapter 11.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for known violations.



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