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Subject: Request Meeting on Monitoring Wells at Bear Creek, WY (UMTRCA) Title II
Disposal Site

Reference: *Request to Plug and Abandon All Wells at the Bear Creek Uranium Company Mill Site, License SUA-1310*, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission correspondence to Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, dated February 20, 2015

Dear Mr. Persinko:

In response to your letter dated February 2, 2015, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) has begun to prepare the Long-Term Surveillance Plan at the Bear Creek, Wyoming, (UMTRCA) Title II Disposal Site. Through ADAMS, we have U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) correspondence to Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (Anadarko), the current licensee, directing the decommissioning of monitoring wells at the Bear Creek Site (dated February 20, 2015). We are concerned about this action because by land transfer (including the wells) DOE-LM is the land owner, and we are currently evaluating the need for the wells during and after site transition. To resolve these concerns, DOE-LM requests a discussion with NRC staff and Anadarko representatives in the near term to resolve remaining technical questions.

In addition, we need to receive the records on the site to support DOE-LM's long-term stewardship mission; this action is not complete. We are working with Anadarko to obtain these records.

Please add DOE-LM to your distribution for correspondence on the Bear Creek site. As the site nears transition to DOE-LM for long-term stewardship, we have increased interest in communications relevant to the site.

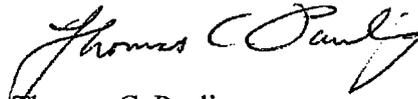


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Sincerely,



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