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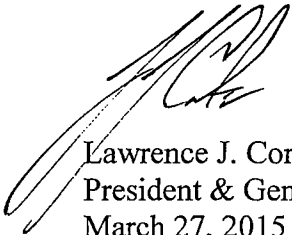
**RE: Western Nuclear, Inc. / Split Rock Millsite SUA-56
Certification of Chief Executive Officer**

Dear Mr. Orlando:

I am the President and General Manager of Western Nuclear, Inc., a corporation. This letter is in support of this firm's use of the financial test to demonstrate financial assurance, as specified in 10 CFR Part 40.

I hereby certify that Western Nuclear, Inc., the licensee, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Freeport-McMoRan Inc., is currently a going concern; but that Western Nuclear, Inc. does not possess any positive tangible net worth of its own. The positive, tangible net worth of Freeport-McMoRan Inc. is \$23,225,000,000. This firm is required to file a Form 10-K with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for the latest fiscal year. The fiscal year of this firm ends on December 31.

I hereby certify that the content of this letter is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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