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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
QUIVIRA MINING COMPANY  
Docket No. 40-8905-MLA  
ASLBP No. 97-728-04-MLA

DESIGNATION OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the Federal Register, 37 F.R. 28710 (1972), and Sections 2.105, 2.700, 2.702, 2.714, 2.714a, 2.717 and 2.1207 of the Commission's Regulations, a single member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel is hereby designated to rule on petitions for leave to intervene and/or requests for hearing and, if necessary, to serve as the Presiding Officer to conduct an informal adjudicatory hearing in the following proceeding.

QUIVIRA MINING COMPANY  
(License Amendment)

The hearing, if granted, will be conducted pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Subpart L of the Commission's Regulations, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." This proceeding concerns a request for hearing submitted by Envirocare of Utah, Inc. on the amendment to the Source Material License SUA-1473 of Quivira Mining Company. The license amendment would allow Quivira Mining to accept 11e.(2) material for disposal at its Ambrosia Lake uranium mill and tailings site located near Grants, New Mexico.

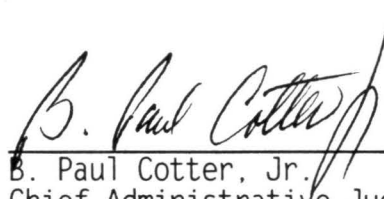
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The Presiding Officer in this proceeding is Administrative Judge Charles Bechhoefer. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 C.F.R. § 2.722, Administrative Judge Peter S. Lam has been appointed to assist the Presiding Officer in taking evidence and in preparing a suitable record for review.

All correspondence, documents and other materials shall be filed with Judge Bechhoefer and Judge Lam in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 2.701. Their addresses are:

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Issued at Rockville, Maryland,  
this 6th day of June 1997.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
QUIVERA MINING COMPANY  
(License Amendment)

Docket No.(s) 40-8905-MLA

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LB DESIGNATION OF PRESIDING... have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, except as otherwise noted and in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Sec. 2.712.

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