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SUBJECT: NRC RESPONSE TO LICENSEE LETTER RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO
REPLACE THE RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER AT THE AMBROSIA LAKE
FACILITY

Dear Ms. Ballaine:

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License condition 11 of SUA-1473 requires that the licensee designate an RSO who possesses the minimum qualifications as specified in Section 2.4.1 of Regulatory Guide (RG) 8.31, "Information Relevant to Ensuring that Occupational Radiation Exposures at Uranium Recovery Facilities will be As Low As Is Reasonably Achievable." The licensee submitted Mr. Schierman's qualifications, including his resume, and detailed how Mr. Schierman met the minimum requirements outlined in RG 8.31. The NRC staff has reviewed this letter and Mr. Schierman's resume and has no further questions at this time.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Please contact me by phone at (301) 415-4090, or by e-mail at jeffrey.whited@nrc.gov, if you have any additional questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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