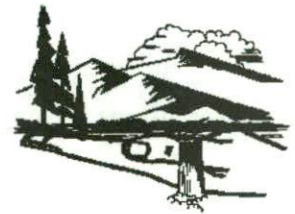




# Department of Environmental Quality

*To protect, conserve and enhance the quality of Wyoming's environment for the benefit of current and future generations.*



Matthew H. Mead, Governor



Todd Parfitt, Director

**Date:** November 4, 2016

John Tappert, Director  
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**RE:** American Nuclear Corporation Gas Hills Site, Docket No. 040-04492, Confirmatory Order Revision

Dear Mr. Tappert:

On October 3, 2016, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division (WDEQ/LQD) received the modified Confirmatory Order from your office. Please consider this letter as the WDEQ/LQD acceptance of the modified Confirmatory Order. The WDEQ/LQD staff will participate in scheduled calls and meetings with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff to discuss approaches for permanent closure of the site.

The goal of the WDEQ/LQD is to complete the reclamation activities outlined in the Confirmatory Order in an efficient and timely manner within the available budget. The Confirmatory Order states that the WDEQ/LQD cannot undertake these activities until the NRC reviews and approves the plans in writing. Prompt reviews by the NRC staff will be crucial to successful implementation of the work plans. This will enable the WDEQ/LQD to maximize the use of limited funds by taking advantage of the current favorable Wyoming market conditions for reclamation. Therefore, we appreciate any consideration the NRC staff is able to extend in completing the reviews as quickly and as reasonably feasible. The WDEQ/LQD staff will keep the NRC program manager informed about these submittals and the anticipated construction schedule.

Sincerely,

Kyle Wendtland  
Administrator, Land Quality Division

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