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Fuel Cycle Facilities Branch
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Subject: Umetco Minerals Corporation 2014 Surety Update for the Gas Hills Uranium Tailings Site, License Number SUA-648 (Docket Number: 040-00299)

Dear Mr. Orlando:

This letter is in response to Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) letter dated October 27, 2014 requesting additional information regarding Umetco Mineral Corporation's (Umetco) 2014 Surety update. Specifically, NRC requested that Umetco's surety bond or other financial assurance instrument be updated to reflect conformance with 2012 revisions to its regulations to ensure that the NRC is able to direct decommissioning surety funds should it become necessary. Accordingly, NRC requested that Umetco either: 1) Establish a separate standby trust and surety bond for the decommissioning and decontamination of the mill and mill site, reclamation of tailings and waste disposal areas, ground water restoration, as warranted, and the transfer of the long-term care fee to the U.S. General Treasury or, 2) amend the existing standby trust and/or surety bond to establish the NRC's ability to collect the surety.

Umetco has elected to proceed with establishing a separate standby trust that is accessible to NRC. Enclosed please find the original fully executed Standby Trust Agreement and Payment Surety Bond for Umetco's Gas Hills Uranium Tailings Site (License Number SUA-648) in the amount of \$1,161,638.00.

Please contact me at 970-256-8889 or by e-mail at gieckte@dow.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Gieck
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Enclosure: As Stated

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