



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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Mr. Phillip Holmes  
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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF REVIEW  
OF 2017 ANNUAL SURETY BOND ESTIMATE FOR THE  
ANADARKO BEAR CREEK SITE (DOCKET NUMBER 040-8452)

Dear Mr. Holmes:

I am writing in response to a letter from Don Ballard, dated October 25, 2016<sup>1</sup>, wherein Anadarko Petroleum Corporation submitted the 2017 Surety Bond Estimate for the Bear Creek, Wyoming site in accordance with License Condition 27 of Source Material License No. SUA-1310 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17319A187). The 2017 Surety Bond Estimate is \$949,267. It includes \$946,392 for the Long Term Surveillance Fee, Corporate Costs of \$2,500 and a 15 percent contingency factor of \$375. The NRC staff has reviewed the 2017 Surety Bond Estimate and has determined that the Long Term Surveillance Fee accurately reflects the increase from the baseline fee of \$250,000 based on the 2017 Consumer Price Index. However, the staff cannot approve the Surety Bond Estimate for the following reasons:

1. The Corporate Overhead estimate has been reduced from the \$2,000 amount that was approved by the NRC on June 22, 2017 (ADAMS Accession No. ML17150A488) to \$500, without justification for this change. Please provide the justification for this reduction.
2. The NRC Management/Review Costs have been reduced from the \$10,000 amount that was approved by the NRC on June 22, 2017 (ADAMS Accession No. ML17150A488) to \$2,000, without justification for this change. Please provide the justification for this change.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 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 ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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<sup>1</sup> The NRC staff believes that this date is a typographical error because the letter was received in November 2017 for the 2017 surety bond estimate update.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the staff's evaluation, please contact me at 301-415-6749 or by email at [Dominick.Orlando@nrc.gov](mailto:Dominick.Orlando@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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