

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REGION IV

611 RYAN PLAZA DRIVE, SUITE 1000 ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76012 September 6, 1979

License No. SUA-1139. SUA-1064

Exxon Company, U.S.A Attn: Mr. James B. Shannon Mine Manager P. O. Box 3020 Cosper, Wyoming 82601

Gentlemen:

This refers to the irspection conducted by Ms. Jean Dawson and Mr. Mike Mustain, of this office on August 13-14, 1979, of the activities authorized by NRC Source Material Licenses, Nos. SUA-1139 and SUA-1064, and to the discussion of our findings held by Ms. Dawson and Mr. Mustain with Mr. J. S. Shannon and other members of your staff on August 14, 1979.

The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under the licenses as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations, and the conditions of the licenses. The inspections consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews of personnel, independent measurements and observations by the inspectors.

The inspectors also reviewed the action you had taken with respect to three (3) items of noncompliance observed during our previous inspection, which was conducted July 18-19, 1978. They verified that the corrective action with respect to these items was implemented as stated in your replies of August 28 and September 20, 1978, to our letters dated August 8 and September 20, 1978.

No items of noncompliance with NRC requirements were found during the inspection.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this

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report contains any information that you believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within twenty (20) days to this office to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must include a full statement of the reasons it is claimed that the information is proprietary. It should be prepared so that proprietary information identified is contained in a separate part of the document, since the application, excluding this separate part, will also be placed in the Public Document Room. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Glen D. Brown, Chief

Fuel Facility and Material

Safety Branch

Enclosure:

IE Inspection Report No. 40-8102/79-02