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Mr. Hubert J. Miller  
New Facilities Section  
Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch  
Division of Waste Management



Dear Hub:

Re: Docket No. 40-8728

Today I am delivering a copy of our approved Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) R&D Testing License & Application to Mr. Ron Kaufmann of your staff. The State of Wyoming has authorized all construction of the site facilities and we have proceeded with some earth work, construction and well drilling at the site. We have not delivered or installed any of the uranium processing equipment at this time.

The uranium recovery apparatus are bulky and heavy. We are concerned that winter delivery and installation may cause some logistic problems, and certainly can be dangerous during the typically harsh Wyoming winters. Therefore, we are requesting permission to deliver and install this equipment prior to formal issuance of the license. We understand that such permission in no way represents authorization to recover uranium and in no way implies that the NRC will necessarily approve our Source Material License. We are requesting early delivery and installation because snow accumulation near the site and on the state highways of Wyoming make travel and working conditions with heavy equipment unsafe.

We would hope to begin delivery early next week to avoid the oncoming cold weather. Information concerning our state approval can be acquired through Ms. Becky Mathisen of the Wyoming DEQ, Land Quality Division (307-777-7756).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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