

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT AND
INTENT TO PREPARE A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF A BYPRODUCT MATERIAL LICENSE FOR
THE HANSEN PROJECT TO BE LOCATED IN FREMONT COUNTY, COLORADO
CYPRUS MINES CORPORATION
DOCKET NO. 40-8748

Agency: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Action: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

Summary: 1. Description of the Proposed Action - Cyprus Mines Corporation proposes to construct and operate a uranium mine and mill facility at the Hansen Project site. This project is located in southcentral Colorado approximately 20 miles (35 road miles) northwest of Canon City. The 4500 tons of uranium ore per day capacity mill will be located on the divide between the Tallahassee Creek and Squaw Creek drainage basins, Sections 9 and 10, T17S, R73W, Fremont County, Colorado. The mine will be located in the Tallahassee Creek drainage basin, Sections 21, 22, 27, and 28, T17S, R73W, Fremont County, Colorado.

2. The principal alternatives currently planned to be considered include alternatives of siting, waste management methods, energy sources, and the alternative of no licensing action.

3. The scoping process will include a meeting to be held in the auditorium of the Washington Elementary School, 9th and College Avenue, Canon City, Colorado, on November 6, 1979, at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will provide for a briefing of interested parties concerning the proposed action and alternatives and opportunity for comment on the scope of the proposed statement. The participation of the public and all interested government agencies is

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invited. Copies of this notice will be mailed to all affected Federal, State and local agencies, and other interested persons. Written comments concerning the scope of the proposed statement will be accepted until November 14, 1979.

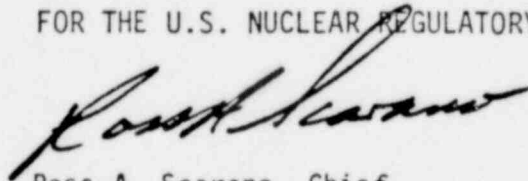
4. The DEIS is expected to be available to the public for review and comment in March 1980.

5. The applicant's Environmental Report and any subsequent project related documents will be available for inspection and copying at the Public Document Room (PDR), 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555. The Environmental Report is also being made available at the State Clearinghouse, Division of Planning, Department of Local Affairs, 520 State Centennial Building, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, and the area clearinghouse, Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments, 425-1/2 Main Street, P.O. Box 510, Canon City, Colorado 81212.

Questions about the proposed action, DEIS, or scoping meeting and any written comments should be directed to M. E. Krug, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Division of Waste Management, Mail Stop 483-SS, Washington, D.C. 20555, Phone (301) 427-4103.

Dated at Silver Spring, Maryland, this 22nd day of October 1979.

FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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