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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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The Honorable James Abdnor
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Abdnor:

This letter is in response to your letter of September 26, 1979, to Chairman Hendrie requesting information on pilot-scale in-situ uranium solution extraction development projects licensed in South Dakota.

Source Material License No. SUA-1204, Docket No. 40-8304, which covers R&D in-situ uranium solution activities at five sites, two of which are in Custer County, South Dakota, and three of which are in the State of Wyoming, is the only license issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for in-situ uranium solution extraction in the State of South Dakota. However, no solution mining activities can be carried on at either of the sites located in South Dakota at this time because site-specific environmental and safety information for these sites has not yet been submitted to the NRC by the licensee, Wyoming Mineral Corporation. The NRC staff is presently reviewing a request from Wyoming Mineral Corporation to renew this license and has informed Wyoming Mineral that unless site-specific environmental information is provided for the two sites in South Dakota, these sites will be deleted from Source Material License No. SUA-1204.

In addition, there are no pending license applications for future in-situ solution mining operations in the State of South Dakota.

Sincerely,

(Signed) T. A. Rehm

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