

July 20, 1979

Mr. J. Rothfleisch United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Division of Waste Management 396 SS Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rothfleisch,

This letter is in regard to your request for comments from 'interested persons'. As owner of the B.B. Brooks Cattle Company and the primary surface owner at the proposed Nine Mile Lake mine and plant, I feel it is appropriate for me to comment.

I am in favor of the proposed project. The United States must continue to develop its natural resources now and in the future. Failure to do so will result in unacceptable economic losses as well as a decline in the quality of living for the people of our country. Nuclear Energy, properly controlled, is an important part of our Countries energy future.

One of the biggest factors favoring the Nine Mile project is the fact that, after mining, the land will be returned to its original use (grazing) with very little change. Compared with an open pit or underground mine, this is very desirable.

Rocky Mountain Energy appears to be a responsible corpany and I see no reason why the proposed operation should not proceed.

Sincerely,

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