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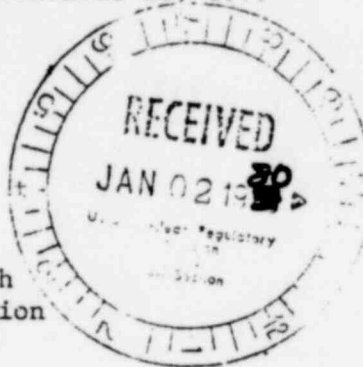
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EIS 314 Nine Mile Lake
In Situ Leach Uranium Mine
Natrona County, Wyoming.
Docket #40-8721

Ross A. Scarano, Chief
Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Subject: Docket #40-8721 RMEC Responses to NRC Questions of October 12, 1979.

Dear Mr. Scarano:

We do not feel that the applicant (RMEC) has adequately addressed the issue of the potential contamination of the North Platte River surface waters from the proposed project. We raised this question in our letter of September 5, 1979, addressed to Mr. A. D. Luck, Rocky Mountain Energy Company, of which a copy was forwarded to your office, as did your series of questions dated October 12, 1979.

Because of the proximity of the North Platte River and importance of the River to fish and wildlife resources, we feel that the applicant should be required to make a complete response to the issue of potential contamination. In addition, the responsibility for short-term and delayed contamination of the North Platte River from this proposed project should be specified.

Thank you for the opportunity to review your questions and RMEC's responses. If we may be of further help on this project, please contact us.

Sincerely,

W. DONALD DEXTER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

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