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Docket No. 40-8698  
SUA-1371, Amendment No. 2

Plateau Resources Limited  
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Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 40, Source Material License No. SUA-1371 is hereby amended by revising License Condition No. 41 to read as follows:

41. The licensee shall comply with the following regarding construction, maintenance, and operation of the tailings retention system:
  - a. He shall notify Region IV, U.S. NRC, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, Arlington, Texas, and the Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch, U.S. NRC, Washington, D.C., at least six weeks prior to construction of the following features to provide adequate time for on-site inspections by NRC personnel.
    1. When foundation preparation is near completion but prior to placement of backfill in the trench or over excavated surfaces.
    2. At approximately 10 percent completion of embankment fill placement.
    3. At approximately 75 percent completion of embankment fill placement.
  - b. He shall submit a detailed embankment instrumentation program for NRC review and approval at least three months prior to placing tailings effluent against the Stage I embankment or starting construction of the Stage II embankment.
  - c. A minimum of 13 feet of free board shall be maintained between the top of the dam and the pond level during operation of the Stage I impoundment to provide required design flood protection.

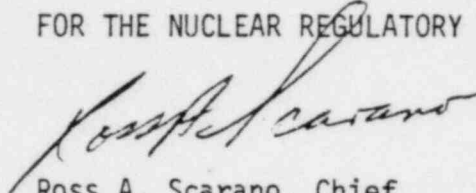
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All other conditions of this license shall remain the same.

The effect of this amendment is to change the advance notification required in License Condition No. 41(a) prior to certain construction milestones from three weeks to six weeks. A six-week period is needed to allow the NRC adequate time to arrange and conduct these construction inspections. This amendment was discussed in telephone conversations between your Ms. Newman and Mr. L. Person of my staff.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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