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MEMORANDUM

TO: Roger Shaffer, Engineering Supervisor
Bob Sundin, Director

FROM: Dennis Morrow, District IV Engineer *DM*

DATE: June 20, 1980

SUBJECT: Rocky Mountain Energy, Reno Creek, Permit No. 479



Roger and Bob, Rocky Mountain Energy has shown a great deal of reluctance to date to file an In-Situ Research and Development License Application for the Reno Creek Test Facility. This facility has always been an in-situ research and development operation. The NRC has licensed this facility as a Research and Development Source Material License. An application has not been made for a commercial facility nor is there data available (restoration, baseline, mine or reclamation plan) to support a showing of compliance for a commercial permit. A permit to mine was required by this office under a policy developed in 1978 to place all new solution mining R&D tests under mine permits rather than dozer exploration licenses (see attached correspondence). To comply with the In-Situ Mining Act, Reno Creek must obtain an In-Situ R&D License. I suggest that we suspend the License to Mine after a 30-day notice which will provide RME with additional time to complete the R&D License forms.

Please sign and date the attached letter. Please call if you have any questions.

Enclosure

cc: Tom Mueller
Tony Mancini
Jack Rothfleisch



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June 23, 1980

Mr. Clark M. Bolser
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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE: Reno Creek ISL Test Facility, Compliance Submittal, Permit No. 479

Dear Mr. Bolser:

As recommended by Dennis Morrow, District IV Engineer, the License to Mine (479-L1) at Reno Creek will be suspended effective thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of this letter. The Department finds that the May 30, 1980 submittal to show compliance with the In-Situ Mining Act is not adequate for a Commercial In-Situ Permit to Mine. Groundwater restoration has not been accomplished with the sodium lixiviant currently proposed to be tested at Reno Creek.

The research and development activity at Reno Creek may be permitted under an In-Situ Research and Development License until such time as groundwater restoration and other data are sufficient to support an application for a commercial in-situ mining facility. Please submit completed Research and Development License Forms (Form 5 and Form 2RD) and return to the Sheridan office by July 14, 1980. The Department will continue reviewing the showing of compliance submittal for Reno Creek in the context of a Research and Development test of the sodium lixiviant in preparation for a commercial in-situ mining facility.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Dennis Morrow in the Sheridan District office.

Sincerely,

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Robert E. Sundin
Director, Dept. of Environmental Quality

Roger Shaffer
Engineering Supervisor, LQD

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Jack Rothfleisch, NRC