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Office of the Secretary of the Commission  
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Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Subject: Proposed Revision of Part 51 of Title 10, CFR

Gentlemen:

By notice published in the Federal Register of March 3, 1980, the Commission invited comments on a proposed revision of the environmental protection regulations contained in Part 51 of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations.

In response to that invitation, the Wyoming Mineral Corporation (WMC) wishes to submit one comment, even though the designated comment period has expired. The comment we propose deals with the provisions that qualify the categorical exclusion established in proposed subparagraph 10CFR51.22(b)(11).

As proposed, subparagraph 10CFR51.21(b)(5) properly limits the requirement for an environmental assessment to those license amendments that would authorize or result in various "significant" changes. However, the wording in 10CFR51.22(b)(11) specifies that there be "no" changes. WMC submits that to eliminate this confusion and reflect the Commission's clear intent, the wording of 10CFR51.22(b)(11) be revised to specify "no significant" changes. This requested change also would parallel the wording presently proposed for subparagraph 10CFR51.22(b)(9).

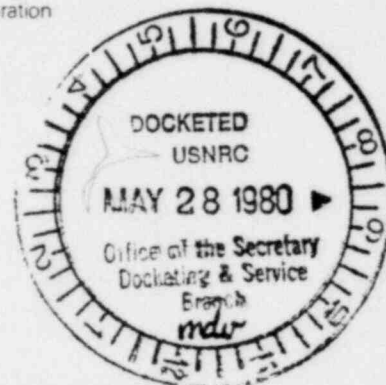
The complete rewrite of Part 51 constitutes a major change. As a practical matter, it may require actual experience functioning under it before all its ramifications are revealed. In the meantime, please include the above comment in your deliberations on this matter to the extent practicable.

Very truly yours,

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