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December 13, 1989

Mr. R. Dale Smith, Director Uranium Recovery Field Office Region IV U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission P.O. Box 25325 Denver, CO 80225

Re: Docket No. 40-8714 License No. SUA-1352

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am enclosing a copy of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality's December 8 letter notifying us that they have terminated our R & D License 3RD. As you know, the NRC terminated our License SUA-1352 for this same Collins Draw Project on June 26, 1989.

Now that I am wrapping up the final details on this project, I would be remiss if I did not thank you and your staff for your prompt, courteous cooperation in assisting us find solutions to some of the technical problems encountered at Collins Draw. It was an unusual research project and required some innovative approaches. Despite some major differences of opinion along the way, my involvement in recent years has been gratifying. I found your people to be responsive and very professional. It is reassuring to find such competent people within the NRC.

I want to again thank you, Ed Hawkins and Gary Konwinski for your cooperation in helping us through these past few years.

Sincerely,

Gary D. Aho

Manager-Western Division

Edward F. Hawkins Gary Konwinski

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Mr. Gary D. Aho The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co. P.O. Box 1211 Rifle, 00 81650

RE: Collins Draw ISL Project, Research and Development License No. 3RD

Dear Mr. Aho:

Based on an on-site inspection and recommendations of the Land Quality staff, Research and Development License No. 3RD is hereby terminated.

The canceled original copy of surety bond No. M 15 31 61, written by the Insurance Company of North America in the amount of \$122,500.00 is enclosed for cancellation with the surety. A copy of this bond will be retained in our files.

No further operations are allowed under this License. Any future operations will require application for a new License and submittal of a new reclamation bond.

Sincerely.

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Land Quality Administrator

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