

U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT

REGION III

Report No. 40-2053/80-01

Docket No. 40-2053

License No. R-193

Licensee: Little Creek Mining and Milling Company
Route 1
Wausau, WI 54401

Inspection Conducted: October 24 and 27, 1980

Inspector: *N. A. Nicholson*
N. A. Nicholson

Approved by: *C. J. Paperiello*
C. J. Paperiello, Acting Chief
Environmental and Special
Projects Section

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Inspection Summary

Inspection on October 24 and 27, 1980 (Report No. 40-2053/80-01)
Areas Inspected: Telephone contact with the former licensee to determine status of this expired license and review of license file.
Results: No thorium ore was ever processed at this milling facility. Thorium was uncovered at two excavation sites one-half mile and two miles, respectively, from the mill. This ore was returned to the hole and covered with fill. No licensed activities were conducted.

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DETAILS

1. Persons Contacted

Sheriff Louis Gianoli, Marathon County Sheriff's Department
Mr. Edward Bembinster, Investor, Little Creek Mining and Milling
Company
Mr. Walter Thiede, Manager, Little Creek Mining and Milling Company

2. Sources of Information

Sheriff Gianoli, Messrs. Bembinster and Thiede, and the license file were sources of information used in the report.

3. Scope of Program

This license authorized unlimited possession of raw and refined source material for processing and resale from the licensee's mining and milling operations.

4. Status of Program

According to Sheriff Gianoli, this site is abandoned and overgrown with brush. Mr. Thiede stated ore was mined in 1955, approximately 0.5 and 2.0 miles from the mill, in concentrations of 7-21% thorium. No source material was ever processed at the licensee's mill. The ore was returned to the shafts and covered with fill. No material was transferred by the licensee. Based on a document in the license file (Attachment 1), no source material was possessed as certified by R. B. Sang, President of Little Creek Mining and Milling Company on August 11, 1980.

5. Conclusion

Based on discussions with the above contacts, and a review of the license file, no licensed material was possessed, processed, or transferred. No survey of this site is planned.

Attachment 1

ATTACHMENT 1
CERTIFICATION OF STATUS OF SOURCE MATERIAL PROGRAM
UNDER UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION SOURCE MATERIAL LICENSE

NUMBER R-193

LICENSEE: Little Creek Mining & Milling Company, Inc.

ADDRESS: Route #1
Wausau, Wisconsin

RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL: Mr. R. B. Sang, President

The licensee and any individual executing this certification on behalf of the licensee certify that (check appropriate item(s) below):

- A. No source materials have been procured and/or possessed by licensee.
- B. All source materials procured and/or possessed by licensee under Source Material License No. _____ have been transferred to _____
(Institution, firm, person, etc.)
which has Source Material License No. _____
(if known)
- C. All source material has been disposed of in compliance with 10 CFR 20.
- D. The total amount of source material possessed by licensee is:
 None
 Less than 15 pounds
 Greater than 15 pounds

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R. B. Sang
CERTIFYING OFFICIAL
Aug. 11, 1961
DATE